

# 2 herdsman killed near Abaji

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**Tension broke out recently after two herdsman were said to have been allegedly killed in a reprisal attack in a clash between some group of Gbagyi youth and Fulani herdsman at Mayaki village, near Abaji.**

Mayaki community, which is under Lapai Local Government Council of Niger State, shares borders with Abaji Area Council in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

A witness said two Gbagyi

natives went to collect their hand sets at a charging shop at the village and that on their way home, they met two young Fulani men on the road and stopped.

He said one of the boys allegedly harassed the two herdsman, thereby provoking one of the Fulani men, who allegedly brought out a cutlass and stabbed one of the boys on the head.

"It was as a result of the exchange of words that one of the Fulani men removed his cutlasses and stabbed one of the boys sitting on the motorcycle on

the head," he said.

The witness added that the other boy zoomed off immediately and reported the incident at home, adding that some youth mobilised themselves to the scene only to discover that the boy stabbed was already dead.

He stated that the youth became angry after discovering that one of them had been killed and subsequently invaded a Fulani camp at the village where they allegedly killed two herders.

Our reporter learnt that some Fulani elders reported the

matter to the village head of the community, a situation which forced some residents of the community to flee their homes.

It was further learnt that the remains of the boy has been buried, while the village head and Fulani elders are making frantic effort to douse tension among residents and herders in the area.

The district head of Gurdi community, which shares borders with Mayaki village, Malam Bala Mohammed, confirmed the incident, but said the village where the incident

happened was under Lapai Local Government.

"And that is why I did not report the incident to the police because the village is not under my jurisdiction as it falls under Lapai Local Government of Niger State," the community leader said.

When contacted, Abaji Divisional Police Officer (DPO), Assistant Superintendent of Police Ogungbemi Igbekele, said he heard about the incident, but that the village was under Lapai Local Government of Niger State.

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