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# Tension as herder kills farmer at Kwali community

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Tension broke out on Friday morning after a herder allegedly killed a farmer at Nitsemwamwa community in Kwali Area Council in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

A witness said the incident happened around 11:23 am, after a misunderstanding between the farmer, who was identified as Danladi Jeji, and a herder, who trailed the deceased to his farm and attacked

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him with a cutlass.

He said the herder, Soji Idris, is on the run.

According to the witness, the herder was allegedly caught raping a Gbagyi girl by the farmer and pleaded with the farmer not to report the incident to his kinsmen, but the farmer reported the matter to the village.

"It was after three weeks when the farmer reported the issue to the community and it was settled between Fulani and Gbagyi elders that he (herder) came back to attack the farmer.

"On that Friday morning, the herder who went with his cows in the bush to graze saw the farmer working on his farm and attacked him with cutlass," he said.

Our reporter learnt that the alleged killing of the farmer provoked youth of the community, who immediately mobilized and set some of the herders' settlements on fire, a situation that forced some of the Fulani men to flee to neighboring Kwaita village.

When contacted, the Kwali Divisional Police Officer (DPO), Mr. Yakubu Mohammed, confirmed the incident, saying the corpse of the farmer had been deposited at the Kwali General Hospital morgue.

He disclosed that police men have been deployed to the village and they have put the situation under control, saying some relatives of the suspect are helping the police with useful information that would lead to his arrest.

Reacting, the chairman of the council, Mr. Ibrahim Daniel, expressed sadness over the incident, and described it as inhuman, urging the police to fish out those behind the gruesome murder of the farmer.

He commended the police for their quick response and urged residents of the council to go about their normal business peacefully, cautioning them against any reprisal attack.



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