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4 killed in Fulani, Gbagyi clash

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Four people have been killed in a clash between members of two tribes in the Lambata Buko town in Paikoro local government area of Niger State.

Three of the deceased were Fulani men while one was a Gbagyi man. Three others have been declared missing by the Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association which said several other people were injured.



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Some houses, most of them thatched buildings belonging to both the Fulani and the Gbagyi residents, were burnt during the disturbance. Trouble was said to have started when some Fulani boys grazing cattle in the area allowed the animals to stray into the farms of Gbagyi people, leading to the destruction of several hectares of maize, sorghum, soya beans and yam farms.

The owners of the farmlands were said to have tried to arrest the boys who led the cattle but they were said to have run to their settlements. An argument later ensued between some Gbagyi men and the Fulani

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elders which led to a breakdown of law and order and dangerous weapons were used by the two groups on each other, resulting in the death of the four people.

The Vice President of the Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association, North Central Zone, Alhaji Hussaini Bosso, received the corpses of the three Fulani victims at the Minna General Hospital mortuary before they were taken to Paiko town for burial.

Bosso described the incident as sad and called on the police to apprehend all those behind it.

Police Public Relations Officer DSP Bala Elikana confirmed the incident, saying calm had returned to the community.



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