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5 killed in renewed Share/Tsaragi communal clash

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Five persons were killed Tuesday in what is believed to be the latest outbreak of violence between Share and Tsaragi communities in Ifelodun local government area of Kwara state.

Five people have also been arrested over the incident, according to the spokesman of the Kwara state police command, Mr. Ajayi Okasanmi.

The incident occurred while the state government was still working on the implementing a White Paper on an earlier violent conflict between the two communities during which lives were lost and properties destroyed.

Sources close to the two communities claimed that the victims of the Tuesday incident: Aliyu Issah, Muhmini, Alhaji Saba, Madu Issa and Kadiri were mainly Nupes from Tsaragi who were resident at Obadare village which belongs to Share.

However, a source in Share community, who is also an indigene of the area, said that the Tuesday attack was between Fulani and Tsaragi people and not between Share and Tsaragi communities.

The source, who confirmed that there was no indigene of Share community among the victim of the clash, said that his people had no hand in the attack.

The state government has in the meantime imposed a dusk to dawn curfew on the two communities, according to a statement signed by the Secretary to the State Government, Alhaji Isiaka Gold.

In a response, the Kwara State Governor, Dr Abdulfatah Ahmed condemned the 'murder of some farmers in Share, headquarters of Ifelodun Local Government Area of the state by yet to be identified persons.'

Ahmed, in a statement issued by his Chief Press Secretary, Abdulwahab Oba, described the incident as unfortunate and unacceptable, adding that it was particularly disturbing at a time the state government was taking advantage of the improving fortunes from the federation account and success of the rejuvenated internal revenue generating mechanism to enhance the economic development of the State.