

Another clash claims 5 lives in Niger

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Five people lost their lives in a Sunday clash between herders and native in Tugan Malam community, Paikoro local government area of Niger state.

The clash is coming a day after an early morning attack in Epogi community in Mokwa local government area claimed 21 lives.

Our correspondent learnt that the clash was as a result of a disagreement between some Fulanis and natives in the community market.

The account alleged that a Fulani youth had stabbed a native during a heated argument but on seeing their brother in a pool of blood, the natives retaliated by killing four Fulanis before the situation could be brought under control.

Our correspondent learnt that the native that was stabbed by one of the Fulani died yesterday morning in a private clinic in Paiko, where he was rushed for medical attention.

However the police said the altercation that resulted in the death of four herders happened at a drinking joint within the community.

The state command police public relation officer, DSP Bala Elkana also put the casualty figure at four in a telephone interview with our correspondent over the incident.

"As at this morning (yesterday) four people were confirmed dead; I am not aware if anyone died in the hospital," he explained.

He also said three people have been arrested by men of the command in connection with the disturbance that led to the loss of lives.

According to him, a detachment of mobile policemen has since been drafted to the troubled area.

The recent casualty brought to 28 the number of lives lost in three separate clashes across the state with the space of three weeks.

Daily Trust recalls that a clash between Fulani and Hausas in Kodo community in Bosso local government area two weeks ago claimed two lives.