

Gunmen kill 4 policemen in Numan


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Markets and shops were closed yesterday in Numan Local Government Area of Adamawa State as people remained in their houses while others were seen leaving the town following rumours of an impending reprisal after gunmen killed four policemen in a clash.

Reports said the policemen had attempted to arrest some Fulani men after a recent clash. Adamawa State police spokesman, SP Othman Abubakar who confirmed the incident in Yola yesterday, said four policemen on patrol were killed by yet identified gunmen.

“We don’t want to work on speculations and I want to urge the public and media to shun rumours and speculations that would further raise tension in Numan and its environs,” he said.

People suspected to be members of the Bachama ethnic group had earlier clashed with a Fulani community in the area, resulting in the death of at least 55 people.

More than 30 persons who were injured in the attack are receiving treatment at the Specialist Hospital in Yola. Daily Trust learnt that many residents of the troubled areas have fled for fear of reprisal.

The Inspector General of Police, Idris Ibrahim, who visited the area, had announced the deployment of five Mobile Police Units to the area.