

Nasarawa community clash claims 8

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Eight people have been confirmed dead and many others injured in a fresh clash between Bassa and Egbira ethnic nationalities at Sofiyo village in Toto Local Government Area of Nasarawa State.

A resident of the village, Salihu Garba, told Daily Trust that some gunmen alleged to be Bassa natives stormed Sofiyo village, also known as Shafa Abakpa, around 5am yesterday armed and attacked the residents, majority of whom are Egbira natives.

Garba said that the attackers arrived the village when majority of people were in the mosque about for morning prayers.

The assailants were said to be shooting sporadically and killed eight people and injured over 30 others.

About 10 people critically injured were said to have been moved to the Gwagwalada Specialist Hospital in Abuja.

The spokesman of the Nasarawa State Police Command, Idrisu Kennedy, confirmed the incident.

He said the command had received reports of the clash, stating that “We have our personnel stationed in Toto because of the recent

apprehension in the area, but we have deployed additional troops today (yesterday) to reinforce the existing ones.”

He said normalcy had since been restored in the area and advised residents to go about their normal businesses.

He said the command had commenced investigation, assuring that the perpetrators would be arrested and prosecuted.