Kaduna imposes curfew as 2 killed at KasuwanMagani

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wo persons died in a clash between Adara and Hausa youths at KasuwanMagani, about 45 kilometers to Kaduna, Kaduna State.

The community has been dogged by such clashes for some time.

KasuwanMagani is situated in Kajuru Local Government Area of the state.

Yesterday's incident was said to have been sparked off by a disagreement over where traders were to off load their wares.

Another version had it that trouble started when a particular

man pretending to be pushing a wheel barrow stole some goods and was apprehended by some youths.

Some of the youths were said to have been incensed by the refusal of some of the shop owners to allow them drop their wares in front of their shops which led to exchanges that resulted in a free for all fight.

As people took to their heels, some of the youths torched some of the shops which led to a commotion in the area.

Our correspondent learnt that the security agencies were alerted and they arrived KasuwanMagani on time to avert further breakdown of law and order. "They were shooting into the air and this helped to disperse the youths otherwise it would have been worse," said one of the traders who gave his name as Bako.

The witness said two people died while many others were wounded.

The public relations officer of the Kaduna police command did not respond to calls.

The Kaduna State Government however reacted by imposing a 24-hour curfew on the KasuwanMagani community.

A statement by Samuel Aruwan, the special assistant on media and publicity said the curfew started from yesterday.