Chieftaincy tussle claims 3 lives in Kogi

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Three people have been killed in a chieftaincy tussle in Ankpa Local Government Area of Kogi State.

It was learnt that the lingering disagreement over who among two clans in Akwu community is to prodiuce the village head snowballed into full blown fracas which led to the death of the victims Wednesday night.

Locals who pleaded anonymity told *Daily Trust* on phone that the disagreement over the Onu Akwu stool has been on for many years and had led to litigation.

"We were sleeping when we heard commotion from the eastern part of the community and when I came out, some houses were already on fire," one of the Locals explained.

He noted that 20 houses were razed in the clash which lasted more than five hours.

'We retrieved three bodies and evacuated many injured to health centres and hospitals in Ankpa and environs," he added.

Our correspondent learnt that among the houses burnt were those of the Administrator for Ankpa Local Government Area, Mr John Aduga, whose kinsman is said to be one of the contenders for the seat.

The State Police Command through the Public Relations Officer, DSP William Aya confirmed the incident to our correspondent on Thursday, and said that chieftaincy disagreement was responsible for the clash which consumed three lives, with houses torched, and five motorcycles burnt.

He said the number of casualties could have been higher if not for the timely intervention of police from Ankpa Division.

He however said no arrest has been made as the residents have deserted the community when they sighted the police.

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