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Tension as Fulani youth killed in FCT community

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There is tension in Ibwa community in Gwagwalada Area Council of the FCT after a 19-year-old Fulani man, Zubairu Alhaji Jibrin, was allegedly killed during a fight with three youths from the area.

A resident of the community, Saidu Ibrahim, said the incident happened on Friday around 4pm when there was a misunderstanding between the deceased and the three boys.

He said trouble started when the deceased went to buy yoghurt at a shop in the community, saying when he started drinking the yoghurt, it spilled on one of the boys.

This, a witness said, angered the boy and he allegedly slapped the Fulani man, which resulted in a fight.

"The Fulani boy apologised, but despite that, he was slapped by one of the boys.

"In the process, a fight broke out between the deceased and the three boys and one of them sustained injury from the cutlass the deceased was carrying," the witness alleged.

Ibrahim said the father of the deceased, Alhaji Jibrin, rushed to separate the fight and immediately took his son (deceased) to the house of the leader of the Fulani in the community.

"The three boys mobilised in

their numbers and proceeded to the Fulani chief's house, where they forcefully seized the deceased and killed him. Even policemen at the outpost in the village were overpowered," he said.

Reacting, the chairman of the Gwagwalada Area Council chapter of the Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association of Nigeria (MACBAN), Ibrahim Ciroma, who confirmed the alleged killing of the young Fulani man, over the phone on Sunday, added that the bereaved father, Alhaji Jibrin, was also attacked and injured by the youths.

"In fact, there are two other Fulani men who were not even aware of what was happening, but they were also attacked and inflicted injuries as they tried to escape from the boys," he said.

Ciroma, who condemned the killing of the Fulani man, noted that it was the second such incident in the community, even as he said he reported the matter at the police area command in the area on Saturday.

He said the corpse of the deceased had been buried, while the father was receiving treatment at a private hospital.

The spokeswoman of the FCT police command, DSP Adeh Josephine, had yet to confirm the incident as of the time of filing this report.