## Six persons killed in renewed land dispute in Plateau

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At least six persons were killed and several houses including farm produce destroyed in Funture village at Bassa Local Council of Plateau State following a communal dispute.

Plateau State Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Abuh Emmanuel, who confirmed the incident, said a detachment of Mobile Policemen have been drafted to the area to restore normalcy.
He revealed that fight
broke out between Irigwe
and Rukuba tribes over a
protracted land dispute.

According to him, "no fewer then 10 people were killed in the village during the last crisis in March. But six people were killed on Tuesday."

He said the Command was suspecting Irigwe tribesmen of first launching the attack on the Rukuba settlement because the attackers were speaking their native language when they invaded the village.

According to the police PPRO, the attackers were using dangerous weapons, including sophisticated guns and other assorted weapons during the attack.

The spokesperson of the Rukuba community, Mr. Madaki Aboi, said they were attacked by the Irigwe people, who also kidnapped two people from their area.

He said there was a move to reconcile the two communities by the officials of the state and local governments in the past but lamented over what he called the refusal of Irigwe community to abide by peaceful settlement of the age-long dispute.

He said about four people were brutally murdered by the attackers who he alleged used sophisticated weapons in committing the heinous act in the village.