Farmer-herdsmen clash leaves 10 dead in Katsina

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About 10 people have lost their lives, with several others injured, following a clash between herdsmen and farmers in Gora, a village in Safana Council of Katsina State.

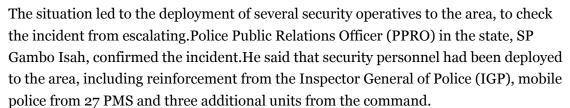
The Guardian gathered that trouble started on Tuesday evening when a farmer tried to resist a herder with his animals from encroaching into his farmland.

But when he was countered, a scuffle ensued, leading to the farmer's death. The villagers, on learning what had happened, mobilised and went after the herder and killed him.

Gora is close to the Rugu forest, where suspected bandits were said to hiding. And Rugu extends into several states of the country including Zamfara, Kaduna, Kano and Sokoto.

Some of the bandits, on hearing about the death of the herdsman, invaded the village from the forest. This reportedly led to the death of about 10 villagers. The incident came on the heels of abduction of hapless citizens in some parts of the state by the suspected bandits.

In neighbouring Zamfara, hardly a day passes without reports of the bandits' atrocities against innocent people. With the invasion on the village, it was learnt that the area had been deserted.





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