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## Six Killed, Village Head Declared Wanted In Taraba Fulani Herders-Farmers' Clash

By Janet Audu , reporter, Jalingo

No fewer than six persons were reported killed last week in renewed hostilities between nomadic Fulani herders and farmers at Bandawa village, Karim Lamido Local Government Area of Taraba State.

*Daily Independent* correspondent in the state reported that the clash erupted when farmers, allegedly, manhandled nomads for infiltrating their farmlands. Alleged violation of farmlands has been the cause of antagonism between the nomads and farmers over the years

It was gathered that the farmers in Bandawa village had been at daggers drawn with the nomads who, allegedly, allows their cattle to encroach on farms and eat up crops.

The Commissioner of Police, Mr. Aliyu Musa, told newsmen in an interview that no sooner had the command got wind of the mayhem than it deployed its men to the area to maintain the peace.

According to him, the situation has been brought under control following the timely intervention of the law enforcement agents.

Musa confirmed that six persons were killed during the disturbances, adding that the Village Head of Bandawa had been declared wanted, while investigation into the hostility was ongoing.

The police boss advised the people in the area to go about their lawful businesses as the law enforcement agencies are committed to maintaining law and order.

Taraba State governor, Danbaba Suntai, in his reaction, ordered the arrest of the traditional ruler of Bandawa and warned that his administration would not condone any form of lawlessness. He called on the warring factions to sheathe their swords

The governor emphasised the need for the people of the state to live in peace with one another, adding that no meaningful development can take place in the midst of hostility and acrimony.

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