

Six feared dead in Plateau communal clashes

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SIX persons including a mobile police officer killed in two separate fracas in Barkin Ladi and Bassa local government areas of Plateau State.

Daily Independent learnt that trouble started at Mingo village of Bassa local council on Sunday evening

when two youths armed with knives at an annual festival celebration started fighting among themselves, when policemen drafted to the festival to maintain law and order arrested them.

The development, it was gathered, prompted youths of the village to rush out in their numbers, attacking and burning a police station in the lo-

cality, as well as a magistrate court.

Two police officers were injured in the process.

Similarly, a police officer attached to the special taskforce on internal peace operation in Plateau State was killed in Barkinladi at the weekend.

Confirming the incident to newsmen in Jos on Monday, the state police public rela-

tions officer, ASP Samuel J. Dabai said the officer was chatting with civilians when gunmen opened fire on them, killing the police man and injuring two of his companions.

The corpse has been deposited at the Vom Christian Hospital in Jos South council while those injured are receiving treatment in the same hospital.

