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The Benue Police Command has said that nine persons were killed on Monday in a communal clash in Awe, a Benue/Nasarawa border town.

The command's Spokesman, DSP Daniel Ezeala, disclosed this to the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) yesterday in Makurdi.

Ezeala said that the deceased had been deposited at the Gbajimba General Hospital, Guma, Benue.

He said that the command had yet to know the cause of the clash, and added that no

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formal complaint had been made to any security agency on the clash.

He said that the police swung into action and recovered the bodies following a widespread rumour on the killing.

Ezeala gave the assurance that the situation was under control, and appealed to the people to go about their businesses without fear of molestation.

The Chairman of Guma Local Government, Mr Usa Adi, said that the assailants razed three villages in Njorov district of Guma.

He also said that many of the residents of the affected villages, who fled to neighbouring villages for safety, were yet to return.

He appealed to security agencies, especially soldiers drafted to Guma, to forestall further breakdown of law and order.

Adi accused the villages on the Nasarawa/Benue border of harbouring armed bandits responsible for the recurring clash.

The chairman appealed to the government of the two states to fish out the killers.

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