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Nigeria: Five Killed, 10 Injured in Kaduna Communal Clash

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A clash between the indigenous people of Marwa chiefdom and Fulani herdsmen in Kaura local government of Kaduna State on Sunday left no fewer than five persons dead.

LEADERSHIP gathered that about 10 others sustained injuries of varying degrees as a result of the clash, even as many houses were also set ablaze.

A resident, Emma Yatai, told LEADERSHIP that the attackers were earlier sighted close to a railway station in Sabon Gari, Marwa, holding meeting, but only started shooting sporadically when the residents were alerted; killing five persons instantly.

"Immediately, soldiers came and in the process, they ran towards Zankang, a village that serves as a border between Kaduna and Plateau states," Emma Yatai said.

Another eyewitness, Ahmad Mairiga Yandeh, secretary, Mobgal Fulbe Development Association in the state, who confirmed the death of a member, said people of the area stole their cows and set their houses ablazed, when the crisis started.

He said some of the injured were taken to General Hospital, Kafanchan where they were later referred to 44 Military Hospital, Kaduna.

When contacted, Kaduna State Commissioner of Police, Olufemi Adenaike, promised to call back but failed to do so as at press time.

Confirming the incident, the chairman of Kaura local government, Mr. Kumai Badu, said the clash led to the killing of five persons.

"Yes, there was a clash between residents and Fulani herdsmen which led to the killing of five persons this morning. There was a quick intervention from the military strike force here and everywhere is calm," Kumai said.

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