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30 Killed In Taraba Village, 25 In Borno Market

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No fewer than 30 people have been killed while many more have been injured and property destroyed during a renewed ethno-religious violence in Wukari and Ibi communities of Taraba State, the *Hausa Service* of the *British Broadcasting Service (BBC)* reports.

Residents of Wukari told the BBC that the trouble emanated when a Hausa youth operating a GSM call centre had a misunderstanding with a Jukun youth and his shop was razed last night.

Hausa-Fulani youth leader Malam Audu Ali told the BBC that 30 people were confirmed dead in the violence, adding that no one is sure of the reason for yesterday's attack.

Also speaking on the incident, Jukun youth leader Mr Zando Hoku said that the violence started after the GSM call centre was burnt but he denied the allegation that his tribal youth were the cause of the violence.

The violence is said to have spread to Rafinkada, a nearby community towards Ibi.

The spokesperson of the state police command, Joseph Kwaji, who confirmed the incident, however said the police were yet to have adequate details of the violence.

"The police and army authorities have since deployed their personnel to the town and are working round the clock to restore calm," Kwaji said.

Meanwhile, a resident of Wukari, Mr James Uwandegwu, who spoke to LEADERSHIP on phone, said that about 6am on Sunday unknown persons burnt down two shops in Sabon Gari area, predominantly inhabited by the Hausa.

"As they burnt two of their shops in Sabon Gari, the Hausa youths got angry and at about 7am when Christians were going to church, they stated sporadic gunshots that led to the death of nine persons," he said.

Details of the cause of the crisis gathered by our correspondent still pointed to a crisis among Tivs and Fulani herdsmen from Benue, Nasarawa and Plateau states.

The spokesman of the state police command, ASP Joseph Kwaji, confirmed to LEADERSHIP on phone that only four people were killed in Wukari LGA of the state.

He further stressed that the command had quickly drafted more of its men to the affected area to calm down the ugly situation while investigation continued.

A crisis had engulfed some parts of Taraba for over four months, leading to the death of over 150 people and the destruction of property.

Gunmen kill 25 in Borno market attack, abduct a prince in Yobe

About 25 people were reportedly killed on Sunday as gunmen believed to be Boko Haram terrorists attacked a village market in the southern part of Borno State, killing 25 and injuring several others, eyewitnesses and security operatives said.

This happened four hours before another set of gunmen stormed Gumsa village of Gaidam local government area of Yobe State and abducted the son of the village head there.

The gunmen that attacked the Borno village were about 20 in number, some dressed in military camouflage, as they drove into Daku

village about 11am and headed for the market where they began to shoot at traders.

Those who survived the attack said they saw more than 20 of the gunmen who arrived at the village driving a Toyota Hilux vehicle and a few motorcycles.

The gunmen, according to an official of the Nigeria vigilante, killed about 25 people and set houses and shops ablaze after looting food items.

"They actually targeted food and other supplies during the attack, but they also shot at the people sporadically which led to the death of about 25 people and injuring many others," said Muhammed Gava, an official of the Nigeria Vigilante who was quoting from a report he received from his members in Askira Uba.

Similarly, the gunmen that attacked Gumsa village in Yobe State were said to be about seven in number who came riding on motorcycles about 3pm Sunday.

"They did not kill anybody but they put fire on the Airtel telecom mast in Gumsa and then went to the house of the village head of Gumsa where they abducted his son and left with him. We don't know if he has been rescued, but the soldiers in the town had run after them," said Mrs Fati Umar, a resident of the attacked village who had to flee to Gaidam town, about 185km away from Damaturu, the Yobe State capital. Gumsa is an agrarian village not more than 30km away from Gaidam.

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