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A brawl over chieftaincy tussle in Kwah community of Lamurde local government in Adamawa State has reportedly left 10 killed while several others were injured just as properties were destroyed.

Reports from the community indicated that the latest round of crisis emanated after the son of Tamuna Nickson, the traditional ruler of the community appointed by Hama Bachama Honest Stephen Irmija, accosted a youth from the rival ruling clan whose patriarch was earlier deposed by late Hama Bachama Asaph Zadok.

There has been a lingering power tussle between the two clans of Nyakwen and Dwenti following the deposing of the Patriarch of Dwenti who was the traditional ruler of the community a decision which was challenged in court.

A free-for-all ensued between youths from the opposing camps resulting in serious bodily harm inflicted on the son of the newly appointed traditional ruler Chief Tamuna Nickson which was followed by counter attacks from the rival group leading to the escalation of the crisis.

Reports had it that following the bodily injury inflicted on the son of Tamuno by Nyakwen clan, youth from Dwenti swooped on the youth of Nyakwen with dangerous weapons setting ablaze every household on their path to avenge the injury sustained by the son of Tamuno.

But the brawl apparently reached its nexus when news filtered that the injured son of Tamuno has died as a result of the injuries he sustained sparking another round of violence and resulting to the killing of some youths of the rival clan.

Hospital sources said four bodies of those killed in the mayhem have been deposited at the morgue of General Hospital Numan.

A leader of Dwenti community Mallam Phillip said they have so far recovered five corpses belonging to Dwenti clan close to the bank of the River Benue adding that their houses and other valuable properties have been vandalised.

"Our houses, properties have been completely destroyed by these power mongers who in their desperation to rule resorted to killing our people.

"Now look at what they have done, they have taken the lives of 10 of our people to avenge the death of one of their own. They first instigated this mayhem, since August the loyalist of the newly

appointed chief has been intimidating and harassing us in this community, but since we are law abiding we have instead gone to court to challenge the deposing of our ruler," Phillip said.

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