

COMMUNAL CONFLICT: 9 Persons Killed, Paramount Ruler's Palace Torched In Kogi

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In a renewed fight between Fulani herdsmen and Obakume people in Omala local government area, Kogi State, the traditional ruler's palace has been vandalised and nine persons killed.

It was alleged that those who escaped from Bagana, the theatre of the crisis in the Fulani/Agatu conflict, were said to be hiding at the Ojogba of Omala's palace.

A source confirmed to LEADERSHIP yesterday in Lokoja that the mutilated body of a woman who got missing four days earlier from Obakume was found, and a man traveling along Ikende road between Abejukolo and Bassa was hacked to death.

The discovery of the mutilated bodies of

husband and wife, two others, a pregnant woman and three Fulani herdsmen angered the youths who resorted to protest.

According to Hon Jerome Agir, senior special assistant on local government matters in Omala, tempers snapped between the youths and Ojogba which led to destruction of properties in the palace.

The suspected keeper cows in the area, Alhaji Abubakar Obama, had his house set ablaze.

However, it was gathered that the cooperation between the Fulani herdsmen and LG special assistant worked out the way forward for peace to reign in the area.

As part of the way forward, the community and the Fulani men have set up committee to bring the culprits to book.