

Niger: Two Policemen, Vigilante Killed In A Clash

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Two policemen and a member of a vigilante group were killed in a clash between the Police and the vigilante group in Allawa in Shiroro local government area of Niger state.

It was learnt that trouble started when the vigilante group picked six Fulani men for an alleged offence but the parents of the Fulani men reported to the police that six of their youths were abducted by some youths in the village.

It was learnt that a team of Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) stationed swung into

action and wanted to arrest members of the vigilante group but it gathered that in an attempt to allegedly resist arrest one of the member of the group was shot dead.

Peeved by the death of one of the members of the vigilante group, the other members allegedly stormed the Alawa Police Outpost, set it on fire and killed a police sergeant, Joseph Peter and an Inspector of Police, Alfa Idris, was fatally wounded.

The police public relations officer, Niger State Police Command, DSP Bala Elkana, said the Command lost two of its men to the unfortunate incident at

Allawa on Friday, adding that the police sergeant, Joseph Peter, died at the spot while the Inspector of Police, Alfa Idris, also died as a result of the severe injuries he sustained during the face-off between the police special squad and the fleeing vigilante.

According to Elkana, "the Command received a petition that two weeks ago that some vigilante men operating under the aegis of Lawal Kwali went to a mosque at Alawa and picked up seven persons identified as Fulani youths, took them forcefully to an unknown place and since then, they had not been seen by their relations".