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Lawal Sa'idu, Katsina
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Barely one week after three people lost their lives in a farmers-Fulani clash in Katsina, another person was killed in Faskari local government council area still within the state.

The Faskari farmers-Fulani clash which occurred at Mairuwa district left many others injured.

The acting Chairman of Faskari Local Government Council, Alhaji Ado Sa'idu Ruwan Godiya, confirmed the incident to newsmen. He said the local council officials were working in collaboration with the Divisional Police Officer and Mairuwa District head Alhaji Sani Idris Sambo to get to the bottom of the problem.

Alhaji Ado Sa'idu Ruwan Godiya explained that the Fulani herdsmen fled the area after the incident leaving their herds of cattle which were detained at Mairuwa Motor Park pending the confirmation of ownership of the herds.

He described the clash as unfortunate, stating that their action contradicted the efforts of the state government to restore peace between the two groups in the state.

Fulanis and farmers, he said, should see themselves as brothers who needed one another for the general progress of the state.

He then called on the state's farmers to avoid confronting the Fulani herdsmen and report their presence to the authorities for prompt action. While the local council recognized the right of farmers to their produce and the need for the Fulani to feed their cattle, Alhaji Ado Sa'idu Ruwan Godiya said causing loss of lives and property was not in the interest of anybody.

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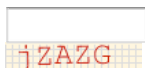
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Comments: This is the 21st century. This type of clashes should be a thing of the past. Govt should recognise Fulani herdsmen need grazing land for their cattle. The Governor should start by creating ranches for the cattle where the herdsmen can allow their cattle to graze peacefully. Any cattle escaping from the ranches should be confiscated and sold to boost the govt coffers. The days of cattle roaming around should stop. The farmers should be compensated for any damaged crops by any herdsman and his cattle.

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