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5 Killed In Kaduna Communal Clash

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About five persons are said to have been killed and over ten houses burnt in a communal clash in a boundary settlement between Kaduna and Plateau States.

According to a source Yohanna Dauda the attack occurred on Saturday night around 8pm in a village called Kizachi, Damakasuwa area of Kauru local government area of the state, which shares boundary with Riyom local government of Plateau State.

"I can confirm to you that there was crisis here around 8pm of yesterday Saturday the Fulani herdsmen attacked our community and killed about five persons including a woman who was a teacher with our primary school, and also about five houses were burnt to ashes, there used to be Police guiding the area all these time but they left on Friday because of the inability of the local government to take care of their welfare and to provide them with conducive environment to continue surveillance in the areas and its surrounding. You know we are in between boundary areas of Plateau and Kaduna and you know of the tension involving Fulani in the rural areas and host communities in Plateau and of recent one of our traditional ruler got killed in almost the same attack."

LEADERSHIP gathered that there was a peaceful demonstration in Damakasuwa community of the Kauru local government staged by angry youths over the killings and the level of insecurity and insensitivity of the local government leading to the raiding an accusation the council chairman, Mr. Paul Wani debunked as false and mischief, saying, "Security have always been there and up till now they are there and the situation is calm, and under control. Who doesn't know that the Vice President was here in the state on Friday? I have been here with the Area Commander and the DPO so what are they saying of negligence? We have been working following and making traces through the bush, when they attacked the area they immediately ran in to the bush leading to their hideouts and we are making progress you know people will always want to attach politics with issues".

The Kaduna State Police Command confirmed the occurrences of the clash, its spokesperson DSP Aminu Lawal told LEADERSHIP "I can confirmed to you that we have a reported case of such clash a in the area and our men and officers are there on top of the situation, there is normalcy and calm right now in the affected area, but I cannot confirm the number of casualties and all I know we are on top of the crisis," he said.

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