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Lokoja, the Kogi State capital, was yesterday thrown into crisis as youths from Kabawa, Madabo and Unguwar-Hamza allegedly engaged one another in a fight.

The crisis, a source said, was caused by youths from Kabawa who allegedly attacked and killed an Unguwar-Hamza resident, Suraj Salisu.

The late Salisu had a misunderstanding with some youths in a party at Lokoja Club a day before he was attacked

In their reprisal attack, the Unguwar Hamza youths stormed Kabawa and destroyed property worth several millions of Naira.

Acting Police Commissioner Magaji Abdullahi confirmed the incident.

He said the crisis had been curtailed and several persons were arrested.

The suspects, Abdullahi said, would be charged to court after investigation into the case.

Condemning the crisis in a media briefing, Information Commissioner Tom Ohikere said the crisis was not politically motivated as speculated by people.

He warned that the government would not tolerate acts of unrest.

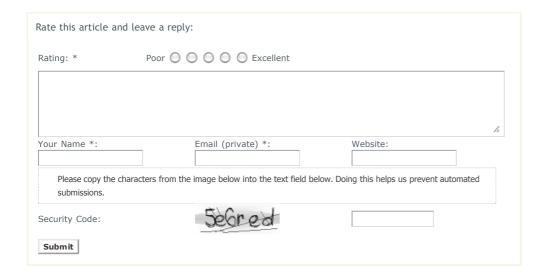
As at the time of this report, detachments of riot policemen had been drafted to the trouble areas to forestall peace.



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