

Two killed in Kebbi police/ youth clash

A violent clash between the police and some youths in Warra, Ngaski Local Government Area of Kebbi State has claimed two lives, according to the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN).

Several others were injured.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the state, Deputy Superintendent Mohammed Mainagge said in Birnin Kebbi that some youths had attempted to burn down the divisional police station on Wednesday.

The police resisted the action of the youths, he said.

Mainagge, however, said that normalcy has since been restored to the area, while investigation into the causes of the clash has commenced.

Alhaji Yusuf Umar, the Chief Orientation and Mobilisation Officer of the National Orientation Agency (NOA) in Ngaski Local Government Area, said that the clash was triggered by a dispute between a young man and a policeman.

He said that his (Umar's) efforts to resolve the dispute proved abortive.

Umar said that attempt by the policeman to arrest the man was resisted by the youths, who accused the police of victimisation.

He said that the young man took the matter to court, while the magistrate referred the matter to the police for investigation.

Umar said that the police investigation found that man had a case to answer for assaulting a policeman in uniform and the court ordered that he should be remanded in prison.

He said that when the court refused to grant bail to the accused, some irate youths, who protested against the court's verdict, became unruly and violent in their agitation for the suspect's bail.

Umar said that in the ensuing fracas, the police attempted to restore calm and fired some shots which led to the death of two persons.