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Ethnic clashes erupted yesterday in in Lafia, the Nasarawa State capital, over the impeachment notice filed again Governor Tanko Al-Makura by the House of Assembly.

Youths of Eggon and Gwandara ethnic tribes engaged in a fight on the streets. Many were injured.

Channels television reported last night that no fewer than three people were killed during the protest.

According to the report, two bodies were seen in a security van, their legs hanging. Some arrests were also made. Military men were drafted to keep the peace as the protesters demanded that the House of Assembly should leave Governor Al Makura alone.

Channels quoted police spokesperson Numan Umar as saying that he was yet to confirm the casualty figure but referred reporters to the B division of the Police which was under heavy military presence yesterday.

Governor Al-Makura is from Gwandara. Information Minister Labaran Maku is an Eggon.

It was gathered that some armed Gwandara youths set ablaze a house belonging to an Eggon man at old Al'mis market. They also burnt his car. The house bore Maku's governorship campaign posters.

Nasarawa police spokesman Ismaila Numaan confirmed the development, saying the house was burnt early yesterday but he could not however confirm who was responsible.

A youth with a deep machete cut in his arm, with blood all over him, was seen being taken to the hospital.

At the scene of the clash, there were burnt commercial tricycles. Shops and other business premises were hurriedly closed for fear of being looted.

Some of the youths who dressed in black chased their rivals around.

A police team inside a patrol van was seen trying to maintain the peace.

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