

Three dead as community, firm clash in Niger

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Three people have been killed and properties worth millions destroyed in a clash between Kusogi Vill in Mokwa Local Government Area of Niger State and Sauti Sugar Company.

It was gathered the clash was caused by a disagreement between security operatives and indigenes of the village working in the company.

Niger State Governor Sani Bello, in a visit to the village, called on Kusogi community and youths to desist from taking into their hands.

He urged them to always channel their grievances through appropriate quarters for amicable resolution of crisis.

Bello, who was represented by his deputy, Ahmad Ketso, stated no meaningful development can take place in an atmosphere of rancor.

He called on the youths in the community to enroll into schools to obtain necessary certificates that will enable them appointments into higher positions in the company instead of being relegated to mere casual staff.

Bello also assured of his administration's readiness to intervene on the lingering crisis between the villagers and the company with a view to finding lasting solution.

The governor donated N100,000 to families of the three deceased persons to take care of their immediate needs.

Head of Kusogi village, Alhaji Mohammed Kusogi informed that he had called for a meeting of stakeholders to forest future occurrence.