Over 20 'killed' in renewed Taraba clash



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Over 20 persons have been feared killed in fresh clash between two ethnic groups in Takum local government area of Taraba State.

The fight which broke out yesterday morning, was said to have been between the Kuteb and Hausa ethnic groups.

A resident, KM Kasman, told our reporter that yesterday was Takum market day, adding that trouble started after a van conveying cattle to the market was attacked.

He said the attack led to the death of the occupants of the van, and that the news angered the kinsmen of the victims who immediately launched a reprisal in Takum Town.



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He said many lives were lost and houses destroyed in the process.

A curfew was said to have been imposed in the town.

Chairman, Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association, (MACBAN), Southern Taraba, Yau Ibrahim, confirmed the incident.

He said: "Some Hausa boys were transporting cows from Dogon Gawa to Takum market. They were attacked leading to the death of some. That led to a clash in Takum town," he stated.

The Police Spokesman in Taraba, Abdullahi Usman, did not confirm the incident and said the command was still waiting for information from the division.

Takum and surrounding areas have remained volatile for some time with clashes between the Kuteb, Fulani, Jukun, Hausa and other ethnic groups.

The clashes were mostly interpreted to be either ethnic, political and economic in nature.

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