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The ongoing communal crisis in southern part of Taraba State, on Tuesday, assumed a frightful dimension as seven persons were slaughtered at Kungana village in Bali Local Government Area of the (Central Zone), though the Taraba State police command confirmed to the Nigerian Tribune that only five lives were lost to the crisis.

An eyewitness in the village, who escaped from the crisis, told the Nigerian Tribune that over 30 persons suspected to be Fulani herdsmen invaded the community at about 2:00 a.m.on Tuesday, and shot sporadically at residents believed to be indigene of Tiv.

Although details of the remote cause of the crisis could not be ascertained as of press time, it is believed to be a spillover of the ongoing communal crisis between Fulani herdsmen and Tiv indigene from Benue, Plateau and Nassarawa states, respectively.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Joseph Kwaji told the Nigerian Tribune on telephone that a team of police security officers had been drafted to the area to curtail the erupted crisis.

However, the council chairman, Honourable Andy Yerima who spoke to the Nigerian Tribune on telephone, said he was in Abuja, attending a workshop during the wake of the crisis in his area, adding that he had made concerted efforts to inform security personnel on the current development.

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