

2 6 killed as Fulani herders, farmers clash in Kwara community

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SIX persons have been reported killed in Patigi Local Government Area, located in the northern district of Kwara State, following a renewed clash between Fulani herdsmen and inhabitants of the local government.

It was gathered that the skirmish, which happened at Motokun village at the weekend, in what was termed a reprisal attack by members of the community, also had it that suspected Fulani mercenar-

ies had allegedly attacked members of the community about a month ago.

Reports gathered that three people were killed on each side.

It was also learnt that a Deputy Commissioner of Police had visited the area on Monday, from Ilorin, on the order of Police Commissioner, Mr Salihu Garuba, after information filtered in about the clash in the community.

The police spokesman, Mr Okasanmi Ajayi, who was part of the team that visited Patigi on Monday, said that the crisis was over

the usual grazing land.

Chairman of Patigi Local Government Council, Alhaji Uthman Mohammed Ndako, who confirmed the clash said, normally had returned to the community with the swift intervention of the security agencies.

He said the council, as well as the Patigi Emirate council, led by Etsu Patigi, Alhaji Ibrahim Chat Umar, had called meeting of leaders of the Fulani herdsmen and elders of the community in a bid to stop the recurring Fulani farmers' confrontation.