

5 KILLED IN RENEWED SHARE/TSARAGI COMMUNAL CLASH IN KWARA

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Five people were confirmed killed on Tuesday, in a renewed outbreak of violence between Share community in Ifelodun Local Government Area and Tsaragi community in Edu Local Government Area of Kwara State.

The Nigerian Tribune also confirmed from the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Ajayi Okasanmi, that five persons had also been arrested over the incident

The incident occurred while the state government was still working on the implementation of a White Paper on an earlier violent conflict between the two communities early this year, which claimed lives with property also destroyed.

Sources close to the two communities claimed that the victims of the Tuesday incident were mainly Nupes from Tsaragi, who were residents at Obadare Village which belongs to Share.

The victims were identified as Aliyu Issah, Muhmini, Alhaji Saba, Madu Issa and Kadiri.

It was also gathered that prior to the attack, the Nupes had written an appeal letter to the Emir of Ilorin, Alhaji Ibrahim Gambari, asking for his intervention.

They had claimed in the letter that they ran away from their settlement to their ancestral homeland in the wake of the earlier attack on them, during the first clash between Share and Tsaragi people.

The letter, which was signed by Issa Aliyu and Jiya Aliyu, on behalf of Nupe community of Obadare, also pledged the readiness of the Nupe people to abide by the conditions of their Share hosts and requested to be allowed to return and harvest their crops which had been abandoned while they fled.

It was alleged that the Share people acceded to the request which prompted the Nupes to return to Obadare, adding that they were later attacked by people suspected to be from Share.

However, a source in Share community, who is also an indigene of the area, said the Tuesday attack was

between Fulani and Tsaragi people and not between Share and Tsaragi communities.

Meanwhile, Governor Abdulfatah Ahmed of Kwara State has condemned the dastardly murder of some farmers in Share.

The governor, in a statement issued by his Chief Press Secretary, Abdulwahab Oba, described the incident as unfortunate and unacceptable, saying no individual, or group of people, for whatever reason, had the right to take the law into his hands.