

Police confirm six dead, houses burnt in Taraba as two communities clash

POLICE in Taraba State have confirmed the death of six people, following Thursday's clash between Kona and Pulani groups in Jalingo Local Government Area of the state.

The police command's spokesperson, DSP David Misal confirmed to the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Jalingo on Thursday, saying that while several others who sustained severe injuries were receiving

treatment at different health centres, many houses were burnt down during the clash.

Misal explained that the incident followed a misunderstanding between the two groups over farming and grazing land.

He said that the command had deployed its personnel to restore peace in the affected areas.

He further told NAN that

houses in Abbare Maikinta and Wuro Malam Nuhu communities were set on fire during the clash.

According to the command's spokesman, the police were monitoring unfolding events in the area with a view to restoring sustainable peace.

He disclosed that the command had so far arrested five persons in connection with the incident, while further investi-

gation into the incident was ongoing.

An eyewitness, Aliyu Mohamed, who took refuge in Jalingo, said he had counted at least 15 corpses as he was fleeing his community.

Hundreds of displaced persons were said to be taking refuge at the secretariat of the Muslim Council in Jalingo, Kona Village, and Malam Ali villages.