

2 feared dead as crisis breaks out in Taraba

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NO fewer than two people were feared killed on Thursday in Donga Local Government Area of Taraba State following a clash between Ichen youths and Tiv farmers.

On how the latest crisis started, a source, Mr Isalah Adamu, told the Nigerian Tribune that 40-year-old Mernyi Chivir Haka was attacked on

his farm by suspected Ichen youths at Gida Adamu, near Mararaba.

According to Adamu, the attackers later tried to kill Haka's younger brother, but he ran into the community, screaming for help.

"On sighting the brother screaming for help, villagers ran after the attackers and killed one in the process.

"Ichen youths then mobi-

lised and invaded Mararaba community inhabited by the Tiv people and burnt several houses.

"Before I fled the town, I sighted five bodies, while several houses had been burnt.

"There is tension in the area now and nobody knows what will happen at end of the day," Adamu said.

The caretaker chairman of

Donga Local Government Area, Honourable Nashuka Ipeyen, confirmed the attack, adding that only two people were killed in the crisis.

Ipeyen told the Nigerian Tribune that he was on his way to the area from Jalingo, the state capital, and that he had already informed the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) in the area to calm the situation.