

Two killed as herders, farmers clash in Jigawa

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THE police in Jigawa State have confirmed that two persons were killed when herders and farmers clashed at Guri town in Guri Local Government Area of the state.

Spokesperson for the command, ASP Lawal Shisu, however, said: "Normalcy has returned to the area as security operatives are there monitoring the situation."

Speaking further, Shisu said: "There was a crisis

between the Fulani herdsmen and farmers in Guri Local Government Area where two persons were killed and five others sustained various degrees of injury at Guri town and Maigirimi village."

He said the Commissioner of Police in the state, Mr Sale Aliyu Tafida, and the deputy governor had visited the area.

He added that the police command had arrested 10 people in connection with the clash.

It had earlier been reported that about nine persons had been killed while several others sustained injuries during the clash.

Report from the state indicated that the crisis started last week after some herdsmen allegedly attacked a farmer on his farm at Guri town, killed him and destroyed his rice crops.

A resident of Guri town who preferred anonymity told the *Nigerian Tribune* that "six herders were killed and three farmers were also

killed during the clash that resulted following the attack on the farmer."

The source said: "It was the Fulani who attacked a youth while on the farm and killed him. When farmers in the town got to know about the development, they launched reprisals on Fulani in the markets because it was a market day."

"The six people were killed, while the Fulani herdsmen attacked and killed two travellers in the bush."