

# Two killed over land dispute in Niger

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TWO persons have been hacked to death following a land dispute between the Kamberi and the Fulani in Salka community in Magama council area of Niger State.

The incident occurred on Tuesday over land ownership claims by the two groups.

The crisis led to the setting on fire of the police divisional headquarters in the council area, as well as the palace of the district head of the community and about 30 huts.

It was further gathered that the Fulani had earlier bought a piece of land in

the area some years ago, which did not go down well with the villagers.

Sources said an argument was said to have started when the two sides visited the disputed land for settlement, only for a member of one of the groups to injure another member of the other group, which then led to the clash.

Secretary to the State Government (SSG), Alhaji Ahmed Ibrahim Matane, confirmed the incident, just as he expressed displeasure over it.

Matane said security operatives had already been deployed in the area to maintain law and order.