

Bauchi: Communal clash claims lives in border communities

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BAUCHI State Police Command has confirmed that there was a communal clash between the border communities of Gamawa and Zaki local government areas of the state which has claimed an unspecified number of lives while others were injured.

Spokesperson of the command, SP Ahmed Wakili, in a telephone conversation late Friday evening, confirmed the occurrence saying that the situation has been put under control as security operatives have been drafted to keep the peace in the affected areas.

Wakili explained that the clash was between the youths of Tarbuwa community in Zaki

Local Government Area sharing boundary with Kubdiya community in Gamawa Local Government Area.

He said: "Yes, there was a clash between the border communities of Gamawa and Zaki local government areas on Tuesday."

According to him, the communities used various dangerous weapons such as bows and arrows, clubs, sticks and others to attack each other leading to death and injuries on both parties.

He said that on receiving the report, the Commissioner of Police, Umar Mamman Sanda, directed the Area Commander in Azare which is in charge of the affected local government areas to mobilise

to the area in order to control the situation.

Ahmed Wakili added that the DPO and a number of policemen visited the affected area and evacuated two of the victims to the General Hospital, Gamawa for treatment while two other victims were referred to the Federal Medical Centre (FMC), Azare, for further treatment, while others are receiving treatment.

He said that investigations have since commenced in order to unravel the circumstances that led to the clash, assuring that anyone found culpable no matter his status will be arrested and prosecuted according to the laws of the country.