

Many feared killed as Hausa, Fulani clash in Sokoto

•Police confirm unrest, keep mum on casualties

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UNCONFIRMED numbers of residents of Gwadabawa Local Government Area of Sokoto State were feared killed following a bloody clash between Hausa and Fulani residents in the community.

A resident of the area, Aminu Bello, who spoke with our correspondent disclosed that trouble started when some Hausa locals in the area with the help of local vigilante tried to rescue their members allegedly kidnapped by Fulani.

Bello stated that the crisis started as a result of some of Hausa locals in the area who are said to be feeling intimidated at what he described as "consistent harassment" from the Fulani.

He stated that both sides in the affected communities suffered casualties including security agents deployed to restore law and order.

He said that the Fulani had allegedly captured an old man in the outskirts of

the town and killed him, and sent a message to his people that they should prepare for their attack.

"When the Fulani attacked, the military officers had already been deployed, and they engaged in gun duel leaving one soldier dead," he said.

When contacted, a member of the Federal House of Representatives, representing Gwadabawa/Illela Federal Constituency, Honourable Balarabe Salame, said he will react after getting details of what actually transpired.

Meanwhile, the police in Sokoto state has confirmed the escalation of banditry activities in some communities a situation the command said was responsible for the rising tension in some villages within the local council.

Spokesman of the Police Command, DSP Sanusi Abubakar, who confirmed this to newsmen said a joint military operations with members of the state police have been deployed to restore peace and order.

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