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Three feared killed as scavengers clash with FCT community residents over pot of soup

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THREE persons – two women and a young boy – have reportedly been killed in a clash between local scavengers, otherwise referred to as Baban Bola, and residents of Byazhin community, in Kubwa, Bwari Area Council of

the FCT.

An eyewitness, who identified herself as Jessica Adam, told newsmen that a scavenger attempted to steal a woman's pot of soup, but was overpowered and beaten up after the woman alerted neighbours and passersby.

The embittered scavenger then went away and mobilised hoodlums who returned wielding weapons, including machetes, clubs and stones and attacked residents at random, eventually killing the woman whose pot of soup was earlier stolen.

In the continuing attack, two others, a woman and a young boy, reported to be passersby, were also killed.

Ms Adams said: "They [scavengers] killed two persons yesterday Tuesday]. The community has been in chaos since. The crisis continued till this morning [Wednesday]

when they killed somebody again. So far, three persons have been killed and many injured.

"The police intervened and restored normalcy, but no arrest was made. The police have intensified patrols in the Byazhin area of Kubwa to prevent the scavengers from

regrouping."

As of the time of filing in this report, efforts to reach the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) of the FCT command, Josephine Adeh, for confirmation failed as she did not answer calls made to her phone or respond to text messages.