

Herders, youths' clash claim one life in Gombe

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A dash between herdsman and a group of youths at Lano village in Yamaltu/Deba Local Government Area of Gombe State has resulted in the death of one person, while several others were injured and are currently receiving treatment at the Federal Teaching Hospital (FTH), Gombe.

Also, during the clash, several houses were set ablaze.

The Gombe State police command confirmed the clash, adding that investigation had already commenced into the cause.

Information from the village had it that the clash began at 5:00p.m on Saturday before it escalated into something more serious at about 7:00p.m when dangerous weapons, including bows and arrows were used.

Reacting to the develop-

ment, the state police command said on Saturday, December 7, at about 4:40p.m, information was received from the Officer-in-Charge of Lano Outstation that a group of youths from Lano village had barricaded the Lano to Deba road and attacked herders who were crossing from Kuri village.

The police added that the youth killed some cows on the suspicion that the herders collected phones from

their people while in the farm and prevented them from conveying their farm produce to their houses.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), ASP Buhari Abdullahi, said, "On receipt of the information, the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) led a team of policemen to the scene, where five cows were discovered to have been killed by the youth.

"In an effort to curtail the

situation, stakeholders from Lano village were called to caution their youths to return home and elders of the herders were also advised to talk to the wards to desist from taking laws into their hands.

"Unfortunately, some youths from Lano refused to listen and pursued the herders to the bush and as a result, three persons were shot with bows and arrows on the leg, hand and stom-

ach. The victims were rushed to the General Hospital, Deba for medical attention, but later referred to the Federal Teaching Hospital, Gombe, where the person shot in the stomach died while receiving treatment."

The command said normalcy has been restored as policemen and vigilante members are patrolling the area to ensure safety of the villagers, herders and other users plying the road.