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Fulani/Tiv clash: Body of missing cop found

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A search team raised by the Benue State Police Commissioner, Christopher Katso, yesterday recovered the body of a missing policeman, Sergeant Muktari Ibrahim.

The deceased was declared missing last weekend at Anguhwar near Naka in Gwer West Local Government Aea, where crisis had erupted between Tiv farmers and Fulani herdsmen.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, PPRO, Deputy Superintendent of Police, DSP, Daniel Ezeala, said the deceased was among the team dispatched to maintain law and order during the crisis where four policemen and two civilians were killed by the warring groups.

Ezeala disclosed that the corpse had been deposited at the morgue of the Federal Medical Centre, FMC, Makurdi, saying that an autopsy was expected to be conducted on the body to ascertain the cause of the policeman's death.

However, the PPRO disclosed that no arrest had been made in connection with the Fulani/Tiv clash, adding that investigation was on to bring to book the perpetrators.

Ezeala said men of the command were working round the clock to ensure that those behind the heinous crime were caught to face the wrath of the law.

He enjoined the public to volunteer information that could lead to the arrest of the perpetrators, saying such information would be treated with utmost confidentiality.

Last weekend Fulani herdsmen encroached on a honey farm at Anguhwar where they allegedly stole honey combs.

Trouble ensued when the owner of the farm confronted them.

This led to a clash between the Fulani and the community where about six persons were killed and several others injured.

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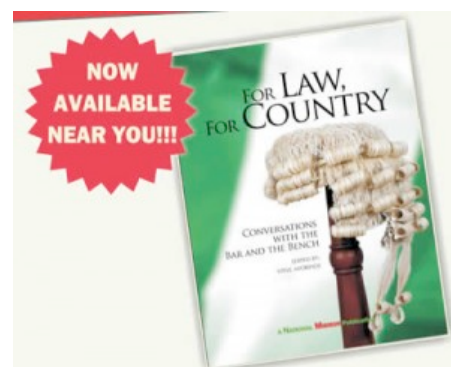
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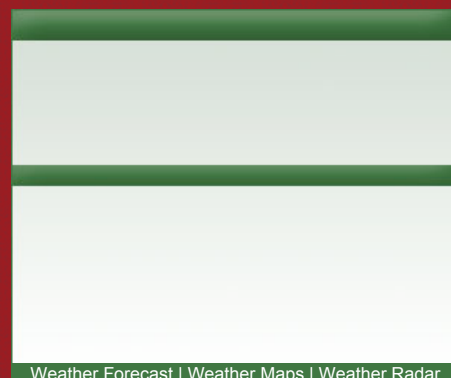
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