

# Two die, others injured as Cameroonian gendarmes invade Nigerian community

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No fewer than two persons were feared killed while six sustained gunshot injuries as Cameroonian *gendarmes* from Bodam community allegedly invaded their neighbouring Danare community in the Boki Local Government Area of Cross River State.

It was learnt on Monday that the latest crisis, which started on Friday, was as a result of the alarm raised by residents of Danare that their Cameroonian neighbour had encroached on their farmland.

The member representing Boki 1 State Constituency in the Cross River House of Assembly, Dr. Itam Abang, said two dead bodies had been deposited in the mortuary.

Itam said over 1,000 cocoa, plantain and banana farms were also destroyed during the invasion.

He noted that majority of the residents were farmers and appealed to the Federal Government to intervene by providing the people with adequate security and social amenities.

“When we got there, the Danare people had already mobilised for war. Luckily, we arrived with the Commissioner of Police and we had to prevail on them not to go into the forest.

“From where we were standing, we could hear gunshots because the Cameroonians had really encroached into the Danare community.

“And from what my people told me, the Cameroonians have destroyed over 1,000 of their farmlands and this is a huge lost to the farmers. From what we gathered from the community, two people are already in the mortuary while we saw six boys that were shot.”

The Cross River State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Hafiz Inuwa, confirmed that six residents of Danare community were shot by the gendarmes during the invasion.

The commissioner, who visited the community on Sunday alongside other security chiefs, however, said no life was lost.

The police commissioner said six residents of Danare community were shot by their Cameroonian neighbours.

Inuwa said, “We found out that six persons were shot and they are currently in the hospital as the gun pellets were being removed from their bodies.

“They were shot by the people of Bodam village from Cameroon. We have advised the people to restore normalcy and shun all forms of crisis and allow the government to take charge.

“They told us they were preparing to repel the attack because the Cameroonian had encroached almost 43 kilometres into their land without any permission.”