

Two killed as Fulani, Nupe farmers clash in Kwara

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TWO persons were reportedly killed and several others injured in a bloody clash between Fulani and Nupe youths in Kpada village in the Edu Local Government Area of Kwara State.

Police sources said the clash occurred around 9pm on Monday following an attack on a Fulani settlement in the area.

It was gathered that the clash was triggered by a report that some cows had destroyed a rice farm belonging to a farmer in the village which was reported to the Police Station in the area.

But while the police were still mediating between the Fulani community and the farmer, some youths reportedly attacked the Fulani settlement, killing one.

The Chairman of the Gaa Allah Fulani Development Association of Nigeria (GAFDAN) in the state, Ali Mohammed-Jonwuro, identified the deceased as Sanda Watanko, adding that the persons who sustained injury had been taken to hospital for treatment.

It was further gathered that one of the Nupe youths was also killed in the clash while a police vehicle was vandalised.

Public Relations officer in the state Police Command, SP Ajayi Okasanmi, confirmed the clash.

Okasanmi, who did not confirmed casualty said, "The matter has been resolved and normalcy has been restored in the area. I don't have the report of the casualty, The command is investigating the crisis, presently, calm has returned, no report of death received, please."