

Fulani, Tiv hostility claims two lives

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Two persons have been killed in a renewed hostility between Fulani herdsmen and Tiv farmers in Daudu village of Guma Local Government Area of the state.

This was disclosed yesterday by the Benue State Police Command. Police spokesperson, DSP Daniel Ezeala, who confirmed the incident in a telephone chat with our correspondent Saturday, said the remains of the victims were recovered from the bush by policemen who were drafted to the troubled area. Ezeala, however, noted that normalcy

had been restored in the area and urged fleeing residents to return to the village and continue to go about their lawful businesses without fear.

It will be recalled that the renewed hostility which occurred in Daudu barely 24 hours after suspected Fulani mercenaries allegedly invaded some local government areas of the state, including Logo, Kwande and Katsina-Ala had forced many residents to flee the troubled areas in droves.

The development which led to the blocking of the major highway by angry youths in the area for several hours left motorists plying the route mainly to Abuja and other northern states stranded for as

long as it lasted, while security operatives made frantic efforts to clear the way. Sources in Daudu told Sunday Sun that suspected herders had attacked the area and killed two people. According to him, the assailants were in the process of setting some houses ablaze when youths in the area repelled them in an exchange of gun fire. "The truth is that the village has been under attack in the past five days. When the attackers resurfaced this morning, the youth mobilised to stop them and in the process, there was exchange of fire between them. Enough is enough, haba. These Fulanis have taken us for a ride for too long.

