

3 killed as farmers, herders clash in Niger

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AT least three persons have been confirmed dead after herders clashed with farmers in Gwada community, Shiroro Local Government Area of Niger State, yesterday.

Two Fulani herders and a farmer believed to be from the majority tribe in the area were among the victims.

According to a source close to Gwada community, trouble started when the farmer, Salihu Adamu, confronted the Fulani herder, Usman Sarki, who invaded his farms with his cattle and destroyed his crops.

Sarki was said to have been angered because the farmer confronted and when the farmer returned to his farm to continue his farming activity, he followed him and matcheted him from behind, leaving him in the pool of his blood.

He died shortly after as a result of excessive bleeding from the matchet cut, and this, however, angered his people who trailed the Fulani herder to his settlement, where they attacked and killed him alongside one other person.

In what our source said was a reprisal attack, the Fulani mobilised and invaded a nearby village called Kwali, setting all the houses there on fire, including food barns belonging to the people.

The situation led to a pandemonium in the town as every herder became a target of the angry residents.

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