

Six killed, houses burnt in Taraba communal clash

① **A**t least six people were killed yesterday during a clash between Kona and Fulani groups in Jalingo Local Government Area of Taraba State.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP David Misal, confirmed the killing.

Misal, according to the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN), said several others, who sustained severe injuries, were receiving treatment at different health centres in Jalingo.

The PPRO also said that many houses were burnt down during the clash.

Misal explained that the incident followed a misunderstanding between the two groups over farming and grazing land.

He said that the command had deployed its personnel to restore peace in the affected areas.

The PPRO said houses in Abbare Maikinta and Wuro Malam Nuhu communities were set on fire during the clash.



According to him, the police are monitoring unfolding events in the area with a view to restoring sustainable peace.

He disclosed that the command had so far arrested five persons in connection with the incident while further investigation into the incident was ongoing.

A survivor, Aliyu Mohamed, who is taking refuge in Jalingo, said he had counted at least 15 bodies as he was fleeing his community.

Hundreds of displaced persons are currently taking refuge at the secretariat of the Muslim Council in Jalingo, Kona village, and Malam Ali villages.