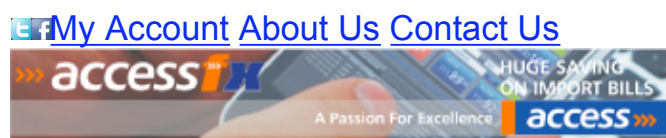


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### Communal Clash Displaces 6000 in Adamawa

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**Governor Murtala Nyako**

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The National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) yesterday said about 6,000 persons were internally displaced in the communal clash in which 25 persons were believed to have been killed in Lamurde Local Government Area of Adamawa State.

Speaking to journalists Monday in Maiduguri, the North-eastern Zonal Coordinator of

the agency, Alhaji Muhammad Kanar, also revealed that though the assessment of property lost to the clash between herdsman and farmers was ongoing, but that from what has been seen so far, it could run into several millions of naira.

The NEMA boss who visited Lamurde over the weekend to donate relief materials to the internally-displaced persons currently taking refuge in three primary schools, Tingno, Sabon Layi and Gyakan relief centres, ran by the agency with the assistance of other stakeholders, revealed that at the camps there were many women and children whose houses were torched in the clash.

Kanar described the incident as unfortunate and urged leaders in the area to be cautious while making statements to avoid creating tension in the area.

He also advised citizens to live peacefully among one another, insisting that there would be no economic growth if they continue to engage in violence at the least provocation.

Kanar revealed that the relief materials were given to the Adamawa State Government for distribution to the victims of the clash.

He said that the deputy governor of the state who is the chairman of the Adamawa State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA), Bala James Ngillari, gave him the assurance that the state government was working assiduously with the local council towards alleviating the suffering of the displaced persons.

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