

6 die in herdsmen, farmers clash

SIX persons were killed at the weekend in a bloody clash between herdsmen and farmers in Korenganuwa village, Tsafe Local Government Area of Zamfara.

Eyewitnesses told the *News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)*, that the clash left several Fulani cattle rearers and local farmers

seriously injured.

The witnesses said, trouble started when migrant herdsmen from the neighbouring Niger Republic invaded some farms in the village with their cattle.

This led to the destruction of produce and animal feeds valued at millions of naira.



Mr. Sunday Ehindero, IGP

During the clash, the herdsmen were alleged to have shot dead three persons before fleeing the village, while the three others died at the Federal Medical Centre, Gusau.

When NAN visited the medical centre, four persons were still receiving attention.

Sources said six persons, including the village head, had been arrested in connection with the incident.

Efforts to contact the state Police Public Relations Officer, ASP Lawal Abdullahi, failed as he was said to have travelled out of the state on official assignment.

However, a source at the police command headquarters, who asked for anonymity, confirmed the clash and the subsequent arrest of six persons.

Emir of Maru, Umaru Abba, in 1986 by the then Military Governor of the defunct Gongola State, retired Col. Yohana Madaki, who is now late.

But since his appointment about 21 years ago, Tafida had not been presented with his staff of office due to litigations from the family of the deposed late emir.

Some king makers of the emirate had taken the matter to court on the grounds that the then military administration of the state did not consult them before the new emir was appointed.

But Jika said, the government decided to present the emir with the staff because the two substantive cases before the courts had been resolved naturally with the death of the deposed emir who was the plaintiff.

The suit filed by some



Rev. Jolly Nyame
Taraba Governor

of the king makers who claimed that they were not consulted before the appointment had also been withdrawn, he said.

He maintained that since there was no legal impediment on the issue, government decided that the emir be presented with his staff of office.

"The move is in the interest of the people and the progress and development of the area," the chief of staff stressed.

"Gov. Jolly Nyame has met with the families of Mafindi, Tukur and Yerima, who form the ruling clans in the emirate and informed them of the government's decision to perform the coronation of the emir," he added.