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## Five killed in communal clash in Jos

**JOS**—At least, five people were feared killed in a land dispute between the people of Pan and Doemak of Qua' Pan Local Government Area of Plateau State.

*Vanguard* gathered that the unfortunate incident started on Wednesday and spilled over to Thursday afternoon. One of those killed was a tra-

ditional ruler, Sarkin Taoereon Wajak.

A source close to the venue of the incident said that the

people of the two communities have been at loggerhead over the disputed land for the past ten years adding that renewed hostility over the disputed land started when one of the contenders violated the peace order and moved to the land.

Apart from the people who died, it was gathered that property and houses on both side of the divides were destroyed including many hectares of farm lands.

Immediately the news of the hostilities filtered into the state capital Jos, the new government convened an emergency meeting of the security council with the aim of arresting the ugly incident.

All efforts by the press to get official reaction of the Secretary to the State Government, Mr. Buka Bello proved abortive, as he was said to be attending crucial meeting at the present seat of Government at Green House.

The State Police Public Relation Officer (PPRO) Deputy Superintendent of Police, Dominic Ironumbe simply confirmed one person dead adding that no arrest has been made in connection with the incident.

## Reps made me, says Suswan

By Tordue Salem

**ABUJA**—“THIS Chamber (House of Representatives) made me who I am

today,” the Governor of Benue State and former member House of Representatives, Mr. Gabriel Suswan said yesterday.

Suswan is the first serving member of the House of Representatives since 1999 to win elections to govern a state. He would also be the first in the country's parliamentary history to participate in a valedictory session, when procedurally he ought to have resigned his membership of the parliament at the point of his swearing-in as Governor.

Mr. Suswan made his confession in the chambers during a valedictory session by the lower House of the National Assembly. (The session held simultaneously with that of the Senate).

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schedule of the Electoral Act 2006, adding that this failure is fatal to the petition.

They also argued that the honourable tribunal lacks jurisdiction to hear and determine incompetent petition, which fails to comply with statutory requirements for an election petition under the Electoral Act 2006.

