

# Three killed in Adamawa communal clash

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**YOLA** — THREE persons were feared dead while more than 10 others sustained injuries in a communal clash between the Chikila and Gwalura Communities in Guyuk Local Government Area of Adamawa State.

Unofficial sources however put the number of the dead at five in the skirmish that originated from a local drinking joint in Chikila.

Confirming the casualty figure in Yola yesterday, Adamawa State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Alyosius Okorie, expressed regret that a mere argument at a “Buruku-

tu” joint is what is now tearing the two neighbouring communities apart.

He said in the course of the argument between youths of Chikila and Gwalura communities, one of them stabbed his counterpart and disappeared into the thin air.

He added that, subsequently at a local football event, the following day, full blown war erupted between the two communities, resulting in the death of three and injuring others.

According to him, even as the clashes at the football event was yet to die down, youths in their hundreds from Gwalura mobilized themselves and marched to

Chikila and started setting houses ablaze.

“The people of Chikila launched a counter attack and the situation led to the increased casualty figure on both communities,” the Police Commissioner added.

Electricity supply and other social amenities in the two communities have since been vandalized and destroyed while the situation remains tense.

Meanwhile, Governor Murtala Nyako has dispatched a peace mission to the area to mediate in the crisis, while a detachment of mobile policemen are there to keep the peace.