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One dies, others injured as Fulani herdsmen, Hausa clash

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Abuja — One person was allegedly killed and others seriously injured while a house was razed as Fulani herdsmen and Hausa natives clashed over stolen motorcycle in Kubwa district, Abuja, yesterday.

This led to confusion as residents ran for safety while others locked themselves in.

The fracas, according to *Vanguard* investigations, was sparked off at 3 a.m, when the motorcycle belonging to an Hausa man was allegedly stolen by Fulani herdsmen.

The dispute heated up at 10a.m, when the stolen motorcycle was traced to the Fulani herdsman's abode at Kubwa Extension II, off Arab Road, Abuja.

An eyewitness, who spoke to *Vanguard*, narrated: "The Fulanis are fond of robbing *Okada* riders and stealing their motorcycles at Kubwa, especially on this Arab Road.

"They stopped the *Okada* man very close to the Glass church on Arab Road, macheted the rider and the passenger and stole his *Okada* only for it to be discovered that it was the Fulani herdsmen that carried out the robbery.

"In an attempt to protest the Fulani terrorism in the area, *Okada* riders, who were fed up with the constant attack on their

colleagues, traced the Fulanis to where they live and argument occurred in the process.”

The eyewitness further told *Vanguard* that the Fulanis had guns and other weapons which they fought the Hausas for daring to come to their domain.

He added that the *Okada* riders had to retreat to equip themselves and returned before the fight started.

Both sides sustained serious injuries, as the person that was badly injured was said to have been taken to Kubwa General Hospital but died before he could be treated.

Investigations revealed that the Fulani herdsmen fled with their cows through the mountain behind their abode when they sighted over 100 *Okada* riders driving towards them to retaliate their injured and dead colleagues.

Contacted on the incident, FCT Police Commissioner, Mr Femi Ogunbayode, confirmed the clash, saying, however, that the situation was brought under control after a house belonging to the Fulanis was razed.

Personnel of the FCT Police Command, who were drafted to the scene of the clash, confirmed that one person died.

The police consequently deployed men to Kubwa and its environs.

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