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10 feared dead as Nasarawa boils

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About 10 persons were feared dead, several others wounded while no fewer than 50 houses were reportedly burnt in when fighting broke out between Eggon and Alago ethnic groups in Obi local government area of Nasarawa State on Friday.

Eye witnesses said yesterday that problem started when some Alago youths waylaid fleeing Eggon boys suspected to be Ombatse cultists from a nearby village as a result of the ongoing Fulani, Tiv face-off in there.

It was learnt that the traditional chief of the Alago community intervened and calmed the warring youths and promised the Eggon youths that their vehicle that was damaged would be repaired.

However, the Alago boys were said to have ignored the plea and blocked the road to their community to stop the fleeing Eggon. The Eggon boys in the area felt their people were being harassed and mobilized to block the road leading to their own settlement.

In the process, fighting ensued, leading to the death of two persons, several houses burnt and many others wounded.

Nasarawa State Police Public Relations Officer, PPRO, ACP Cornelius Ochoi, when contacted, could not confirm or deny the incident.

Sources said yesterday, that the unrest had spread to neighbouring Agwatachi, an Alago community.

The military were seen being moved in trucks to the troubled area.