

News

8 killed in Fulani-Jukun crisis in Wukari

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JALINGO— ABOUT eight people were killed, yesterday, in Wukari, Taraba State, following a crises between Fulani herdsmen and Jukuns.

Sources told *Vanguard* that the crisis erupted following the alleged killing of a Jukun by the Fulani herdsmen at Jubu, near Wukari, last week. It was learnt the situation escalated when the Jukuns who went for a reprisal attack lost seven of their memebbers yesterday.

The Jukuns living in Wukari were said to have been enraged when they saw the corpses of the seven men which were brought to the Wukari General Hospital at about 4.30 pm and started attacking non-natives, mostly Muslims.

The Police Public Relations Officer for Taraba State, Joseph Waji, confirmed the development when *Vanguard* spoke with him on the telephone. Waji said that the crises which started in Jubu had spread to Wukari but assured that the situation was under control as soldiers and policemen had been drafted to the scene to quell the riot.