

## many injured as farmers, herders clash in Jigawa

ONE person has been reported killed and many others injured in a clash between farmers and herders in Birnin Kudu Local Government Area of Jigawa State.

The Commissioner of Police in the state, Bala Senchi, on Wednesday, confirmed the attack in an interview with Freedom Radio in Dutse.

He said the clash resulted from a dispute over land ownership between herdsmen and indigenous farmers around Iggi Forest.

The state Chairman of Miyetti Allah, Sa'idu Gagarawa, said yesterday that many people were also injured in the attack.

He said the trouble started four days ago when some unidentified persons attacked Iggi Forest, a Fulani settlement. He said the attack left many women and children injured.

He added that the incident further led to a reprisal attack in which one person was killed on Wednesday.

Gagarawa said violence broke out in the area following several eviction notices and court summons given to the Fulanis in the area.

He said the action contravenes a peace agreement brokered by the Emir of Dutse, Nuhu Muhammad-Sunusi, between the two parties.

Iggi Forest is in Dutse Emirate and cuts across Kiyawa, Buji and Birnin Kudu Local Government areas.

The Fulani in Jigawa had at a point boycotted all market days in the state to protest their alleged persecution and seizure of their grazing land by government officials.

Gagarawa accused government officials from the Ministry of Land and Ministry of Environment of colluding with local traditional rulers to evict Fulani herders from their settlement and selling the land to wealthy individuals.