

One killed over beheading of herder by farmers in Kaduna

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THE beheading of a herder, Yusuf Mahmuda, by some farmers over an allegation of leading his herd to encroach on their farms in Zaman Chawai general area of Kauru local government area of Kaduna State, has claimed a life.

It was gathered that the herder, a resident of the community, was grazing with others in the bushes adjoining some farms when he was attacked and killed after an argument with some farmers over

encroachment of animals.

It was also gathered that the farmers took the head of Mahmuda with them as other herders grazing in the area managed to escape with their animals.

Revealing this, yesterday, the Kaduna State Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, said the beheading led to an inter-ethnic communal clash during peak market hours in Bakin Kogi Market in the local government.

He said one Ahmad Aliyu was killed in the violent attack, while two residents, Esther Thomas and Tanko Dakar, were injured and a vehicle was also burnt.

'The situation was brought under control by troops of Operation Safe Haven, who escorted buyers and sellers to safety.

Samuel Aruwan said the government has appealed to residents, who lost their relations and loved ones, to allow security agencies and government to manage the situation, as investigations are in progress.

"Governor Nasir el-Rufa'i expressed his sadness at the clash and lamented the eruption of violent attacks in the general area. He condoled the families of those killed, and prayed for the repose of their souls," Aruwan said.