

Land dispute: 2 killed, Police station, village head's house, others razed

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MINNA—Two persons were reportedly killed yesterday in Niger State over a disputed land.

The incident occurred in Salka in Magama Local Government Area of the state.

The dispute was said to be between Kambaris and Fulanis in the area.

It was gathered that the disputed land was sold to the Fulanis, which the Kambaris claimed belongs to them and were not ready to dispose it off to the Fulanis.

One of the residents in the area, Dangwere Musa, told journalists: "The dispute had been on for sometime and this led to the latest fight between the Kambaris and the Fulanis because they are both claiming ownership of the land.

"Besides the loss of lives, they also burnt down the police station and the house of the village head including about 30 huts of the Fulanis."

According to him, "some Fulanis bought a land and our people were not happy about it. So they decided to go and settle the matter but instead of

settlement, the gathering ended in chaos and confusion.

"While trying to settle the dispute, one of the Fulanis out of anger drew out his cutlass and unleashed terror on one of the Kambaris and that eventually led to chaos and a free-for-all."

Secretary to the State Government, SSG, Ibrahim Matane, when contacted confirmed the development, saying: "It is a disappointment for such to have happened especially when lives are involved. Security personnel have been deployed to restore peace and normalcy to the area."