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4 killed in renewed farmers/herders feud in Nasarawa

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Barley a week after Governor Umaru Tanko Al-Makura closed the refugee camps southern parts of Nasarawa State, where thousands of displaced persons have I for months due to violent clashes between ethnic groups at the Nasarawa/Benue border settlements, hostilities broke out Wednesday claiming four lives.

It was gathered that Tiv peasants and Fulani nomads, two of the ethnic groups that have besome months now, renewed their feud in the early hours of Wednesday. Fleeing members community under Kadarko Ward of Keana Local Government Area, reported that the attacked by over 50 armed persons, who stormed the area at about 5am, killing three wo man. The witnesses said one of the women was shot in the stomach.

"The attackers stormed the village when we were still in bed, we were taken by surprindiscriminately and burnt down houses. Right now, about 10 people are still missing", a witr

Daily Trust further learnt that the corpses of the deceased persons were recovered by the arrived the village hours after the attack.

The Assistant Commissioner of Police in charge of Nasarawa-South, ACP Musa Sammy incident, saying, "The DPO at Kadarko called me and reported the incident. The police have reinforcement to return normalcy to the village".

He said the Tivs reported the incident, just as Fulani nomads also reported the loss of about

Al-Makura had about a week ago, addressed a meeting of ethnic groups locked in violent state with a view to restoring peace to the areas.

Both Tiv and Fulani leaders have repeatedly called on Governor Gabriel Suswam of Benue Nasarawa counterpart, Al-Makura, to issue a white paper on the implementation of the incessant Tiv/Fulani crisis at the border communities.

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