

# 8 killed in Taraba communal clashes

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COMMUNAL fighting between herdsmen and farmers in Takum Local Government Area of Taraba State has claimed at least eight persons and left five people injured, *Daily Trust* has learnt.

*Daily Trust* gathered that the latest wave of the conflict was a reprisal attack by suspected herdsmen to

avenge the killing of two herdsmen by the farmers. Many houses, farm produce and property worth millions of naira were destroyed in the attack.

Resident Daniel Dahida, who lost a brother in the attack, told our correspondent in Jalingo that the assailants numbering over 200, attacked Tse-Ugbaa village in the early hours of Sunday at about 9 am.

There have been counter accusations from both Fulani herdsmen and Tiv farmers that mercenaries have been recruited from outside to execute the lingering communal crises.

A source who would not want to be named, said the response of security agencies to the crises has been slow, lamenting that a lot of people have been fleeing the area in recent

weeks.

When contacted on the incident, the police spokesman for Taraba State Police Command, ASP Ibiang Mbasekei, said he was yet to receive signal from the Divisional Police Officer of Takum on the attack.

He said he was only aware of the clashes in Wukari Local Government Area between herdsmen and farmers.