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13 killed in herdsmen, peasants clash in Nasarawa

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At least 13 persons were feared dead in three communities around Kadarko in Giza Development Area of Nasarawa State after herdsmen were said to have stormed villages and opened fire at anybody in sight, residents claimed.

The police authorities in the state, however, confirmed four in the killings which hit Eggon settlement of Angwan Kuje, Angwan Alaku and Angwan Railway station.

The development came five days after herdsmen attacked villages at the Lafia-Benue borders, and killed three.

The Divisional Police Officer in charge of the area, Sohging Saku and the administrator of the Giza, Adamu Adi Giza, led newsmen to the area.

Ayuba Peter, a youth leader in one of the communities, said

"They killed nine people, shot one woman, inflicting machete wounds on another two and raided our homes, taking away our phones and property." Peter said.

Cornelius Ocholi, the police spokesman confirmed three deaths, just as he said the Commissioner of Police, Abayomi Akeremal had on the same day, dispatched armed policemen there. But arrests were confirmed.

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