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Gunmen yesterday killed a village head, Chief lyongovihi Ninge, in Chembe settlement of Ukemberagya/Tswarev ward in Gaambe-Tiev district of Logo Local Government Area in Benue State.



And in Nasarawa State, the police yesterday confirmed the killing of one mobile policeman in a fresh clash between Fulani herders and Tiv ethnic nationalities in Obi and Keana local government areas.

Witnesses said that the deceased monarch in Benue had gone to his farm to inspect workers who were tilling the ground in preparation for this season's planting of yam when the gunmen believed to be herders showed up and shot him from the back.

The locals alleged that the traditional head died on the spot while those working in his farm fled as the suspected herders took over the vicinity.

The Chairman of Logo council, Richard Nyajo, said he had received report that the Chembe village head was killed in an attack by suspected herders who also pursued the people of the community from their farms and homes with their sporadic gun shots.

The Benue State Police Commissioner, Fatai Owoseni, said at the time of filing this story that he was yet to receive report of the attack.

Reacting to the Nasarawa incident, the state Command Public Relations Officer, DSP Idrisu Kennedy, told Daily Trust that the deceased was part of the mobile police team deployed to the area and was killed yesterday in the cause of discharging his duty.

Kennedy said that the command had recovered seven corpses from the Monday clashes in Obi and one other in Sunday attack at Adudu village, adding that a total of eight people were killed in the clashes between Fulani herders and Tiv ethnic nationalities in the areas.

Kennedy said that preliminary investigation revealed that some bad politicians had hijacked the crisis and were fueling the situation by using some elements to inflate the casualty figures to achieve their selfish goals.

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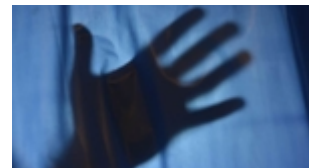


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