

Gunmen kill six farmers in Nasarawa community

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At least six people have reportedly been killed in the Kadarko area of Keana Local Government Area in Nasarawa State.

It was gathered that three persons, including a clergyman, Pastor Kingsley Orshase, were reported killed in the Tse-Abir Azer community in Kadarko last Friday, while three others were shot dead on Sunday morning.

Mr Denis Utsa, the chairman of the United Farmers Association of Kadarko (UFAK), confirmed the incident to *Daily Trust* in Lafia.

He said gunmen weekend attacked the Tse-Abir Azer area of Kadarko around 4 pm on Friday, killing two people on the spot. The third victim,

Pastor Orshase, died in the hospital on Saturday.

He also said many others sustained gunshot injuries.

Utsa stated that the victims had gone fishing at a nearby river in the Tse-Abir Azer area when the gunmen attacked them.

He also disclosed that a Fulani man was killed in a reprisal attack.

"On March 22nd, at about 4 pm, Tiv farmers in the Tse-Abir Azer area of Kadarko went fishing, and gunmen attacked them by the river, resulting in the death of two farmers and one Fulani in a reprisal.

"The gunmen had invaded the IDP's rebuilt settlements, and dozens of them have fled back to Kadarko and Giza for refuge. Many of the IDP farmers were injured.

"Three Eggon farmers were killed on Sunday, bringing the death toll to six within two days," Utsa said.

The police spokesman in Nasarawa State, DSP Ramhan Nansel, neither answered his calls nor replied to text messages sent to him on the incident.

