## Again, suspected herders kill 14 in Taraba

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No fewer than 14 persons were reportedly killed, yesterday, in separate attacks in Bali and Gassol local councils of Taraba State.

The attacks, alleged to have been carried out by suspected herders, were launched in Tiv communities. One of the community leaders, Orkurga Terkimbi, confirmed that 12 bodies were recovered in a nearby bush at Ijever, near Sabon-Gida village in Gassol Local Council.



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Also, in Bali, a man who claimed to have narrowly escaped the attack, said: "As I am talking with you, we have recovered two bodies."

The Chairman of Tiv Cultural and Social Association, Bali Council Chapter, Matthew Baki, said: "The suspects attacked Pangari at about 2:00a.m. and killed two people, while 11 others were wounded.

"The Police in Bali came and evacuated the bodies and took injured persons to the General Hospital, Bali." He said many people, including women and children, had fled the area. Majority of them trekking to Jalingo metropolis."

A Catholic priest in Gassol Local Council, Rev. Fr. George Dogo, also confirmed that the church premises had been taken over by persons, who fled from the warring communities.



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He appealed to relevant authorities to put in place mechanisms that would check herders' activities. Confirming, the Police Public Relations Officer, ASP David Misal, said: "The report I received from Gassol indicated some round huts were set ablaze. There was no report of lost of life, except that of yesterday."

Also, the state Chairman of Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders' Association of Nigeria (MACAN), Alhaji Sahabi Mahmood Tukur, urged the governor to put in place proactive measures that would put an end to these attacks.