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KANO, 22 December (IRIN) - A tense calm has been restored following clashes between pastoralists and farmers in central Nigeria's Nasarawa State which left 32 people dead, scores of houses burned, and several farms destroyed, officials told IRIN.

Violence erupted on 18 December when pastoralists attacked the farming village of Udeni Gida - two weeks after a clash with farmers on 6 December when herdsman led their cattle into rice fields resulting in the death of a farmer, according to Mohammed Baba Ibaku, a local member of parliament.

"On Friday [18 December], herdsmen from neighbouring Kogi and Taraba states armed with guns stormed the [Udeni Gida] village and opened fire on unsuspecting villagers and by Saturday [19 December] we counted 32 dead bodies from the attacks", Ibaku said.

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