

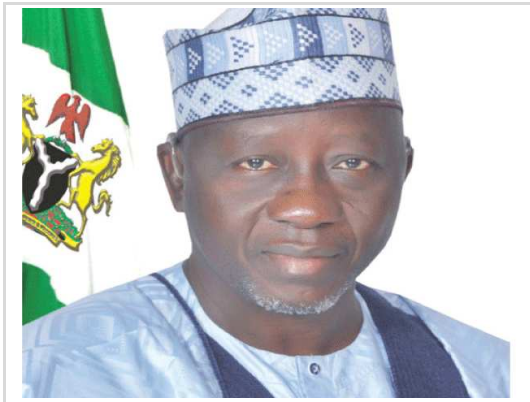
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The death toll from the renewed clash between Fulani herdsmen and Tiv farmers in Keana and Obi local governments of Nasarawa State has risen to 25.

Gunmen had in the early hours of Wednesday killed 16 persons in Kuduku community of Keana local government and destroyed property worth millions of naira.

LEADERSHIP Weekend learnt that some suspected mercenaries yesterday invaded more Tiv settlements in the two local governments where more casualties were recorded.

The invaded communities are Kuduku, Ajo, Ukiriki, Tse-Akura and Akoor.

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President, Tiv Youth Organisation, Peter Igbacher Kwembe, told our correspondent that the attack was unprovoked and called on the state government to be proactive in tackling the situation.

Although it could not be immediately ascertained as to what prompted the attack, sources suggested that the incident was not unconnected with alleged attack on some Fulani herdsmen by persons in Kuduku community.

LEADERSHIP Weekend gathered that some herdsmen numbering about seven had, in trying to relocate with their cows allegedly occupied the road linking Kuduku and Giza communities with a large number of cows, a development that did not go down well with a motorcyclist who asked the herdsmen to move their cows from the road to enable him pass.

Trouble however ensued when the herdsmen refused to honour the request leading to the motorcyclist pushing one of the cows aside. One of the herdsmen allegedly assaulted the motorcyclist, leading to a clash with the motorcycle rider who was then injured.

Aggrieved by the development, some angry youths from the community mobilised in search of the herdsmen. The clash that ensued led to the death of five persons.

The state commissioner of police, Umar Shehu, did not pick several calls put to his mobile phone to confirm the incident.

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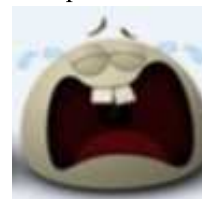
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