

Suspected herdsmen kill six soldiers in Taraba

• Three others missing

Suspected Fulani herdsmen yesterday killed six soldiers on patrol in Karimlamido Local Government Area, the home of Acting Governor Abubakar Sani Danladi.

The killings took place between Amar and Kambari settlements, which share a boundary with Plateau State.

It was learnt that the nine vic-

From Fanen Ihyongo, Jalingo

tims in the attacks were peace-keepers.

The bodies of the slain soldiers were taken to the morgue of the Federal Medical Centre in Jalingo, the state capital.

There was tension yesterday

in the area when the news of the attack flittered to town.

But three other soldiers on patrol with the deceased were declared missing.

"They (the soldiers) were taken unawares, overpowered and killed. Of the nine soldiers, we don't know the where-

abouts of the other three. We pray they are alive," said an eyewitness in the local government area.

Police spokesman, Joseph Kwaji, an Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP), declined comments on the incident.

The spokesman said he was not obliged to speak for the army.

Karimlamido Local Govern-

ment Chairman Bobbo Bello Bendu confirmed the incident when our reporter spoke with him on telephone.

The chairman said Fulani herdsmen had been on rampage in the area in the last few years.

He said: "I have been reporting to the appropriate authority the security situation in my council, especially on the men-

ace of Fulani herdsmen."

The local government chief said he was waiting for the authority to take appropriate action on the incident.

He said many residents were fleeing the area for fear of a reprisal by the army.

Bendu said: "We are in fear now because we suspect that soldiers may want to attack back."

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