Herdsmen kill nine farmers in Benue villages

USPECTED Fulani militia haye killed four Tiv farmers in Mbakyondu, Mbakpa and Sengev districts in Gwer West Local Government Area of Benue State in a midnight attack.

An eyewitness, Ado Benjamin, said the figure could be more because some people were

still missing.

According to him, the herdsmen stormed the villages, shot sporadically, and in the melee, some people were hit.

As at last night, people were moving from troubled areas.

Police spokesperson Moses Yamu could not be reached for comments.

Five farmers were killed in Tombo ward, Gaambetiev,

From Uja Emmanuel, Makurdi

Logo Local Government Area vesterday night.

A community leader, Chief Iob Tiza, said the attack occurred between 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm.

He said those killed were from Tse-Gbeleve, Ikyungwa, and Mbazaar kindred.

Tiza identified them as Michael Ornguze; Mrs. Mbaineve Terlumun and her fwo children - Ahemen Terlumun and Ruper Aondofa - and Peter Akumba.

The chief lamented that Tombo is no longer safe and residents have abandoned their homes.

According to him, the police have performed better in tack-

ling herdsmen attacks than soldiers.

The councillor of Tombo ward, Nyamve Terungwa, condemned the killings.

He called on security agencies to live up to their responsi-

bility.

Police spokesman Moses Yamu said he was yet to get a report of the attack.

Former council chair declares for senate

HE immediate past Chairman of Odigbo Local Government Area of Ondo State, Raphael Ademulegun, has declared his intention to contest the Ondo South Senatorial District seat.

He declared his intention yesterday at the meeting of

the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Ondo South at the Catholic Hall in Ode-Irele.

Ademulegun promised to deliver the senate seat for his party in 2019 if given the ticket.

He assured the people that he would represent them with the fear of God, being a committed pastor, promising to give the constitution effective representation if given the opportunity to serve.

Stakeholders present at the meeting agreed that Ile-Oluji-Okeigbo/Odigbo Federal Constituency should produce the next senator for the zone.