Police confirm two farmers killed in Nasarawa

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Police in Nasarawa State on Thursday confirmed the killing of two Tiv farmers in the state.

The two persons, a man and a woman, were killed in Kadarko, Keana Local Government Area.

Police spokesman Ramhan Nansel said the incident occurred on Wednesday, adding that a complaint was lodged at the Kadarko Police Division over the clash between a herdsman and a farmer which led to the death of the two persons.

"On Wednesday at 1700 hours, there occurred a farmer, herder clash at Yamadaga Village, a border community between Benue and Nasarawa State.

"Consequently, this morning at 7.00 a.m., the bodies of one Terngu Nguuma, a female, and one Richard Sunnymon, a male, were found in the bush at the village," he said.

Nansel said the command had sent detectives to the area to track down the perpetrators and bring them to book.

"The situation was brought under control while the joint patrol is ongoing to restore normalcy to the affected area.

"The Commissioner of Police, Bola Longe, has also directed the deputy commissioner of police in charge of Criminal Investigation Department, to investigate and ascertain the circumstances surrounding the incident and bring the perpetrators to book."

Similarly, Usman Dodo II, Osokadarko of Kadarko community, who also confirmed the incident, told newsmen that the killing of the farmers was a reprisal attack by some herdsmen who were earlier attacked by some Tiv indigenes.

He assured, however, that a meeting of all the ethnic groups in the community would hold on Friday to unravel the causes of the clashes and find a lasting solution that would ensure peace in the area.

A lawyer and community leader, Mr Chakur Titus, described the killings as unfortunate, adding that so far, no group or persons had been directly linked with the incident.

"But the nature and manner in which the victims were slaughtered is similar to what happened to some Tiv people here sometimes in 2016, when the Fulani herdsmen attacked the Tivs in Kadarko.

"We are waiting for the outcome of the police investigation, because we have reported the matter to them.

"We have also informed the military personnel sent to this place to take care of the situation, before it escalates into something else.

"The unfortunate thing is that each time it happens in Kadarko, it is with the Tiv people.

"It has never happened to any other tribe and because of that, we feel that we are a targeted tribe. We feel that we are targeted to be eliminated," Titus said.

There is brewing tension of likely breakdown of law and order in Kardoroko, Keana local government area of Nasarawa state as suspected herdsmen gun down two Tiv farmers.

The farmers who went to their farm on Wednesday could not return home and whereabout unknown untill Thursday morning when a search was conducted in the bush by the Kardoroko Tiv youths, their lifeless body was found with gun bullets and machete.

The development may spark up crisis if security is not beef up in the area as there are plans of reprisal attacks.

The Nasarawa State Police command have confirmed the killing of two persons while working on their farms in Kadarko, Keana Local Government Area of the state.

The state Police Public Relations Officer ASP Ramhan Nansel who confirmed the attack in an interview in Lafia told told our Correspondent that combined security personnel had been deployed to Kadarko and environs to forestall any further attacks or reprisals.

A Tiv Community leader Mr Titus Chahur who spoke with our Correspondent in Kadarko alleged that the victims were attacked by suspected herdsmen in Icenyam village of Kadarko Chiefdom.

Mr Titus Chahur called on the state government to take urgent action to stop the incessant killings in the area.













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