

Herders kill 13 farmers in Nasarawa attacks

GUNMEN suspected to be herders have killed 13 farmers in Obi, Awe and Lafia councils of Nasarawa State.

The attacks reportedly took place in Tiv communities over three nights, from Friday to Sunday, after a body, said to be that of a Fulani, was seen on Assakyo/Obi Road.

The discovery of the body sparked a faceoff between herders and Tiv farmers. President, Tiv Develop-

• Eight persons died, say police

From Linus Oota, Lafia
ment Association (TIDA), Peter Ahemba, said the farmers were taken unawares by the attackers.

Ahemba said over 20 persons were injured, while about 36 others were missing.

The community leader wondered why the herders felt the Tiv were behind the death of the Fulani man.

At a meeting in Obi yesterday attended by herders and farmers, Governor Abdullahi Sule warned that his administration will not brook any more attacks from anyone, adding that the herders had no reason to attack the farmers just because a body was found on the road.

Sule ordered security agencies to take over the af-

fected areas, promising to provide relief materials to displaced farmers.

Police spokesman Ramhan Nansel confirmed the attack, but said about eight persons were killed, adding that Commissioner of Police, Adesina Soyemi, has moved to the scene of the incidents and held meetings with stakeholders in the communities.

An investigation was in progress, *The Nation* learned.