

Soldier, 24 others killed in Taraba farmers-herders crisis



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A soldier and 24 other residents of Ussa and Takum Local Government Area (LGA) of [Taraba State](#) have been killed so far in the lingering Kuteb farmers and herders feud.

Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the state, Abdullahi Usman, said the soldier was ambushed.

He added that the other victims were either Kuteb or Fulani.

Usman said: “The military officer, who was from the checkpoint coming back to 93 Battalion Barracks, was ambushed and killed, though nothing was taken from him, not even his motorcycle. Luckily he had no rifle on him.

“He was killed by unknown persons and an investigation has been launched to unravel those behind the killing.

“Statistically, 20 Kuteb indigenes were killed while three Fulani herdsmen also paid the supreme price as a result of the crisis.”

He said one obstacle to peace is the claim by the Fulani herdsmen that their cattle are held hostage by the Kuteb farmers and the denial from the other end.

“The Commissioner of Police has called on the leader of the Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association in Ussa and the claimants to discuss and go to where they alleged that their cattle are held hostage for fact-finding as well as the release of same for peace to reign,” the police spokesman added.