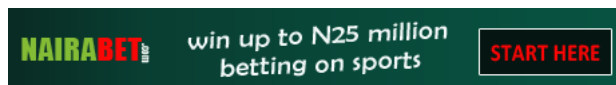


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SOME gunmen suspected to be Fulani herdsmen, on Monday evening, invaded another Fulani settlement in Obi, Obi Local Government Area of Nasarawa State, killing eight persons while five others sustained injury.

A police source told the Tribune Online that the attack followed the killing of one of the leaders of Fulanis from Keana Local Government Area of the state, on Sunday afternoon, after robbing him, alongside others of their valuables, on Obi/Keana road.

Investigations by Tribune Online revealed that after the killing, his corpse was taken to Keana by other occupants of the bus in which they were all traveling in.

It was gathered that when the corpse arrived the community, coupled with the description and how the robbery took place by one of the victims, the invaders decided to launch an attack in the area after the burial of their leader.

According to one of the witnesses, "the armed robbers suspected to be Fulanis blocked Obi/Keana road and robbed people of their valuables, but unfortunately, they killed one of the Fulani leaders from Keana. So, when the corpse arrived there, they held a meeting immediately after the burial.

"To my surprise, some Fulanis from Keana launched attack on those perceived to be Fulanis who robbed and killed their leader and killed eight persons, while five sustained injuries. They have been buried too according to Islamic rites."

While confirming the incident on phone in Lafia, the state capital, on Tuesday evening, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Ismaila Numan, an Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP), said three persons were killed by the people he referred to as gunmen.

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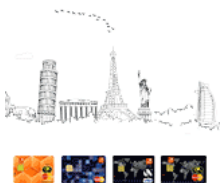
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