

incident occurred following almost 24-hour gun battle between the herdsmen on one hand, and the Nigeria Police and local vigilante on

"Information reaching me from around the troubled areas have affirmed that despite the large presence of troops of the Nigeria Army

that the Nigerian Army will quickly put an end to this wild and cruel onslaught which have not only ravaged, but laid to waste

reactions from the police image-maker, ASP Aliyu Usman, proved abortive, as he was not picking the calls put across to him.

...3 policemen killed, 2 missing in herdsmen' attack on Adamawa LG

ADAMAWA State Police Command, on Sunday, confirmed the killing of three Mobile Policemen (MO-POL) and the disappearance of two others in an attack by suspected herdsmen in Demsa Local Government Area of the state.

The *News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)* reported that the policemen were among those drafted to secure Kwayine, Gidan Dadi and Karlahi communities after clashes that followed the killing of 47 cattle in the area.

The command's Public Relations Officer, SP Othman Abubakar, who con-

firmed the development to newsmen in Yola, said four rifles belonging to the policemen were also missing.

"Fulani militia attacked the three villages and we lost three of our gallant MO-POL, while two are missing.

"We have constituted a high-powered search team and by the special grace of God, we are going to recover our men.

"On the side of the civilians, two bodies have so far been recovered," Abubakar said.

The spokesman said the police had succeeded in killing scores of the militias.

Abubakar said more policemen had been drafted to the affected areas.

On his own part, the state governor, Muhammad Bindow, condemned the attack, which occurred less than 24 hours after a government delegation on peace building mission visited the area.

The governor, in a statement signed by the Commissioner of Information and Strategy, Mallam Ahmad Sajoh, directed security agencies to deploy more personnel in the area.

He described the attack as unfortunate and sad, especially coming after re-

cent peace and confidence-building efforts.

"The governor feels highly disturbed that after he had sent delegations on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday to inter-face with the different communities in the area, a clash could occur so soon."

He assured residents of government's resolve to restore peace to the affected areas and protect the lives of every citizen.

Bindow saluted the gallantry of the police in confronting the attackers and urged them not to relent until normalcy was fully restored.