

Vice-President Yemi Osinbajo, Governor Willie Obiano of Anambra State and the Minister of Labour and Engagement, Dr Chris Ngige, on a ride during the launch of MSMEs clinic in Anambra, on Thursday.

25 killed in fresh 'herdsmen' attack on Taraba

NO fewer than 25 people have been killed in fresh attacks by suspected herdsmen in Jandeikyula village of Wukari Local Government Area of Taraba State.

Witnesses told TheCable that the suspects stormed the village around 7.00

p.m. on Wednesday.

A resident, who identified himself as Victor, said the attackers, who were over 200, took the villagers unaware.

He added that many houses were set ablaze during the attack.

Chairman of the local government, Adi Grace, confirmed the attack to newsmen, but said he could not give the casualty figure.

"Many people were killed in the attack. As I speak with you, I don't have the casualty figure. I can only

confirm when I get back from the village as I am on my way there now," he said.

Commenting on the attack, former chairman of the Wukari Youths of Vision, Luka Agbo, said: "It is true that Jandeikyula village was attacked at night and from the reports we are getting, over 30 people were killed.

"The series of attacks in the state now make us to be living in fear because we can no longer go to bed with our two eyes closed."

Spokesman of the police in the state, David Misal, also confirmed the attack, but could not give details.

"We are aware that an attack took place yesterday at Jandeikyula village in Wukari Local Government Area.

"As for the number of casualties, the information available to the command is still very sketchy. I hope to get back to you as soon as the actual details of the attack get to my desk."

Taraba is one of the states affected by clashes between farmers and herdsmen.

Troops kill 3 terrorists, rescue 33

•US army trains Nigerian troops on confronting Boko Haram

TROOPS on clearance operations at Jaje in Borno State, on Wednesday, killed three Boko Haram terrorists, rescued 33 members of their families and destroyed houses belonging to them.

The Director of Army Public Relations, Brigadier-General Texas Chukwu, said the rescued persons comprised 15 women, 12 girls and six boys.

Chukwu advised people in Borno State to always be vigilant and report any suspected movement to security agencies.

In another development, some 12 United States soldiers have trained Nigerian troops on a six-week advice-and-assist mission

in Jaji, Kaduna State, Pentagon has said.

The US Department of Defence said Nigerian Army's 26th Infantry Battalion might be the next to deploy in the North-East to confront the violent extremist organisation, Boko Haram.

The department, while documenting some accounts of the US soldiers during the training, said it was important to prepare the Nigerian troops for the threats they faced from the terrorists.

Sergeant Saul Rodriguez, the most experienced of the 12 US soldiers, said "even in triple-digit heat and with AK-47 automatic rifles in hand, it is easy to

forget these soldiers are likely headed into imminent danger.

"My job is to train you as much as I can. Your job is to fight the bad guys out of your country," Pentagon quoted Rodriguez as telling a group of soldiers demonstrating their best cover and concealment efforts behind Jaji's bushes and trees.

Staff Sergeant, Kevin Martin, of the 10th Mountain Division Fort Drum, New York, United States, said after lecturing the troops on the significance of maintaining noise discipline, that they needed the skills as they faced real threats.