



Police launch manhunt for killers of 2 herdsmen in Kogi

THE police in Kogi State say they have launched a manhunt for some youths who allegedly killed two herdsmen in Egume in Dekina Local Government Area of the state, the **News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)** has reported.

The command's spokesman, DSP William Aya, told

newsmen in Lokoja on Sunday that the herdsmen were grazing their cows in the bush when the youth attacked them, killing two of them and injuring three others.

Aya said that the incident, which occurred on March 10, was unwarranted as the herdsmen were on their le-

gitimate duty and did not herd their cows into any farm.

He said that the police, on hearing of the incident, rushed to the scene, evacuated the injured and dead victims to hospital in Ayingba.

He appealed to Fulanis in the state not to embark on

reprisal, saying that police would ensure justice in the matter by bringing the perpetrators to book.

In its reaction, the Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association of Nigeria (MACBAN) has expressed shock over the attack launched on its members in Egume.

The state chairman of the group, Alhaji Umar Yusuf, who expressed the shock when he visited the scene, identified Yahaya Aliyu, Hussini Aliyu and Shuaib Sule as those injured during the incident.

According to him, the attack was unwarranted and a

setback to ongoing efforts to ensure peaceful co-existence between the Fulani and other tribes in the state.

Yusuf, who spoke through the state assistant secretary of the group, Mr Abubakar Adamu, said that the attackers also killed some cows during the attack.