



Again, 11 killed, many missing as suspected herdsman attack Taraba community

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ABOUT 11 people have been confirmed killed and scores said to be missing following the attack on a Tiv village in Gassol Local Government Area of Taraba State by suspected Fulani herdsman.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the herdsman launched the attack following a suspicion against the Tivs in an area where a Fulani man was robbed and killed while returning from

Sensani, a village market, on Monday.

A resident of the area, Mr David Korbee, who lost his brother during the Tuesday's attack, told journalists that two of his female children were still missing.

"We recovered six bodies yesterday (Wednesday) and buried them today (Thursday). This morning, the vigilante personnel found four more bodies in the bush and we intend to bury them this afternoon.

"As we speak, many people are still missing and we can't say whether they are alive or dead. The herdsman are hunting and killing people on their farms. So, it is difficult to ascertain the actual casualty figures," he said.

Chief of Bantaje Chieftdom, Yahaya Abubakar Rufai, in whose domain the attack happened, confirmed the incident and said six farmers were killed at a bolder between Gassol and Wukari local government areas.

Meanwhile, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the state, DSP Abdullahi Usman, did not respond to calls and text message sent to his mobile phone for the command's confirmation.

The attack came a day after the Christian Reformed Church Nigeria (CRC-N) said it was time for the church in Nigeria to wade into the growing killings and other forms of insecurity confronting the country and proffer solutions.