

Gunmen kill 11 in Nasarawa community

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ELEVEN people have been killed in two separate attacks by gunmen in Kadarko district, Keana Local Government Area of Nasarawa State.

Nigerian Tribune learnt that while nine of the victims were of Tiv extraction, two were of Fulani ethnic group.

President, Tiv Development Association (TIDA) in the state, Mr Peter Ahemba, told the Nigerian Tribune that the gunmen, suspected to be herders, attacked Gidan Sule, a Tiv settlement on Saturday night,

shooting sporadically.

He said five corpses were recovered after the dust settled same night, while four were discovered in bushes the next day.

Ahemba said many others sustained gunshot injuries and are currently undergoing treatment in hospitals and clinics in Kadarko, Gija and Keana, while one person has not been accounted for.

He said: "We don't know if he is alive or dead; we are still searching for him as we speak."

According to him, the attack on Gidan Sule has triggered mass exodus out of other Tiv

settlements across Keana council area.

Chairman of Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association of Nigeria (MACBAN) in the state, Alhaji Bala Muhammed-Dabo, said a male and female were killed.

He alleged that the gunmen were suspected to be of Tiv extraction.

Muhammed-Dabo said: "We got information that two Fulani persons — a male and female — were on their way alongside their cattle for grazing when they were attacked and killed by gunmen."

~~He noted that the deceased were buried on Sunday according to Islamic rites.~~

He said he had reported the incident to the police.

The MACBAN boss said he only got information of attack on Tiv settlement much later, adding that he has been reaching out to leaders in various settlements to avert further breakdown of law and order.

Efforts to get the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Ramhan Nansel, to confirm the incidents failed as calls made to his mobile phone were not answered.