

Again, suspected herdsmen kill three in Taraba

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TARABA State police command has confirmed that three persons were killed when gunmen attacked Jenuwa Gida Nyifiye community in Takum Local Government Area of the state.

However, a traditional ruler in the community, Kwe Godson Danlami Wasa, told the *Nigerian Tribune* on phone that the attackers, numbering over 300, killed eight persons.

The monarch said the hoodlums also burnt several

houses without any challenge from security operatives.

He said the herdsmen invaded the community when most villagers had returned from their farms.

"The attackers were over 300 in number and our local vigilante group could not repel them, considering the kind of arms they operated with.

"This community is less than two kilometres away from the 93 Army Ada Barracks in Takum, but the soldiers did not help in the sit-

uation.

"Some of the victims were burnt beyond recognition. They also burnt our houses without any challenge from security operatives.

"These killer herdsmen had earlier attacked and killed many people in Mbiya, Tamiya Faenta communities on Sunday.

"The bandits have several camps within and around Takum town, operating freely without being confronted, and the communities being attacked are of Kuteb ethnic group.

"From January 2022 till date, the bandits have killed over 200 of our people, with over 3,000 houses destroyed.

"More than 10,000 people of Kuteb ethnic group have been displaced," the traditional ruler said, just as he appealed to the Federal Government and Governor Agbu Kefas to intensify efforts to end the attacks.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Usman Abdulahi, confirmed that three persons were killed during the attack.