

Police confirm three dead in Nasarawa farmers, herders' clash

THE Nasarawa State police command has confirmed that three persons lost their lives in a clash between farmers and herders in the state, the *News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)* has reported.

Commissioner of police in the state, Mr Umar Nadada, made the disclosure while briefing newsmen on Thursday in Lafia.

He said the incident oc-

curred in Dogon Duste, a community between Nasarawa and Toto local government areas of the state.

"The Divisional Police Officer (DPO) received a report that there was a clash between farmers and herders on Monday, at about 4:30p.m.

"On reaching there, it was discovered that two people were killed in the farm, while four others injured

were rushed to a primary healthcare for treatment," he said.

He said the police later found one additional corpse in the bush during a search operation, bringing the number of dead to three.

Nadada said normalcy has returned to the area, adding that the police would get to the root of the matter.

He said the police were working with the commu-

nity to apprehend those responsible for the incident and ensure that they face the law.

The police boss urged residents to continue to strengthen collaboration with security agencies to enhance sustained improved security in the state.

Nadada said the protection of life and property was a collective responsibility, hence the need for all res-

idents to rally round the command to tackle security challenges.

"We have already developed an action plan that revolves around collaborative policing after a careful study of the trend of the crime pattern in the state," he said.

The commissioner said the command had made progress in the fight against insecurity in the

state.

He said that the collaboration with members of the public had helped in curbing insecurity and appealed for its sustenance.

"The state is adjudged to be one of the most peaceful in the country because of the collaborative strategy with the communities, and the support from the state government," he said.