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① **N**O fewer than eight people were reportedly killed on Friday and Saturday, when suspected Fulani herdsmen attacked some communities in Plateau and Taraba states.

② Three persons were shot dead on Friday night in Zanwra area of Jebbu Miango, Bassa Local Government Area of Plateau State, by the herdsmen, throwing the whole community into fresh apprehension.

③ About five others were also said to have been killed and many injured following a clash between the Fulani and Yandang communities in Lau Local Government Area of Taraba State.

The attackers were said to have struck around 8pm, few hours after the visit of the new Commander of Special Military Taskforce codenamed *Operation Safe Haven*, Maj. Gen. Augustine Agundu, to the area.

The OPSH Commander was said to have allegedly accused the Bassa people of stealing cows meant for the Fulani, a development he reportedly said, was partly responsible for the crisis.

The spokesperson for the Plateau State Police Command, Matthias Tyopev, a Deputy Superintendent of Police, confirmed the killings on Saturday, saying investigations had commenced.

He said, "Unknown armed men suspected to be Fulani herdsmen attacked Zanwra area of Jebbu Miango, Bassa LGA. Three persons were shot dead in the attack.

"They are; Emmanuel Gado 'm' aged 22, Ladi Monday 'f' age 30 and Mary Monday 'f' aged 5 years. Police detectives led by the Divisional Crime Officer of Bassa Police Division mobilised to the scene of the crime. One expended shell of 7.62mm ammunition was recovered.

The spokesperson for the Miango Youths Development Association, Lawrence