Nasarawa crisis: 5 killed in herdsmen, farmers' conflict

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o fewer than 5 people were reportedly killed in Ogotu village, Daddare Development Area of Nasarawa State following a dispute between Fulani herdsmen and Migili farmers over the weekend.

According to an eye wit-

ness account, the incident which occurred Friday afternoon was as a result of disagreement between them when a Fulani herdsman moved his cattle into a Migili farm and a confrontation ensued. The fulani herdsman brought out his cutlass and attempted to attack the Migili farmer. In the fight that followed, the Fulani man was killed.

In what could be described as a reprisal attack, the Fulani herdsmen regrouped and attacked Ogotu village killing four people which led to very high tension as the villagers deserted the area and were seen taking refuge in nearby towns of Dad dare, Obi, Kadunan Koto and Agwade.

Meanwhile, the corpses of the victims were taken from Ogotu village to Obi town by the police accompanied by the Director, Personnel Management (DPM) Dad dare Development Area, Muhammed Osab and the District Head of Daddare, Hassan Abdulla Aliyu. Normalcy has since returned to the area.

Police Public Relation Officer, PPRO Nasaraw State police command, Is mail Numan who confirme the incident said some suspects are in their custod over the incident, while the command is still investigating the matter.