

2 killed in renewed attacks on Taraba by herdsmen

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TARABA State Police Command has confirmed that at least two persons died as herdsmen attacked villages in Takum Local Government Area of the state. This is coming barely hours after President Muhammadu Buhari's visit to the state.

The command's public relations officer, ASP David Misal, who confirmed this to our correspondent, said that herdsmen had killed one person in Adada village and a reprisal attack in Manyu village led to the death of another person.

He said that normalcy had returned to the area with the deployment of security personnel to forestall further attacks and reprisals.

Earlier, the Senior Special Special Assistant on Public Affairs to Governor Darius Ishaku, Hon. Emmanuel Bello, told *Daily Sun* that gunshots intensified as herdsmen were moving to invade a village around Takum Local Government Area.

Bello said that some youths in the area had mobilized to go and protect schoolchildren at the boarding secondary school in the village, which the attackers seemed to target.

Bello regretted that the attack was coming just after the visit of President Buhari to the state, which was supposed to curb the spate of killings by herdsmen.

He wondered why such attacks could happen in Takum that was home to a military barracks and continue as though there was no security presence in the area at all.

Daily Sun reports that crisis on the Mambilla Plateau in the last couple of days have claimed scores of lives, despite measures put in place by the state governor to ensure peace across the state.

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