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Herdsmen kill family of four in Nasarawa

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A family of four Tiv farmers were reportedly killed by suspected Fulani herdsmen while going to their farm at Antsa village of Kwarra district in Keana Local Government Area of Nasarawa State.

Speaking to our correspondent, on Wednesday, over the Antsa killings, a community leader in the area, Mr. Dennis Utsa, said that the killings occurred, on Wednesday, at about 10:00a.m. as the victims were butchered to death by the herdsmen.

Utsa said, "As I speak to you, security operatives have been mobilised and are on their way to recover the butchered corpses from the farm where the killings took place to Kadarko town."

Denen gave names of the slain Tiv family to include the father of the family, Utindi Kyor; his son Shie-Aondo; his son's wife, Dedzugwen and his grandson, Boyi,

Also speaking, chairman of Mzough U Tiv in the state, Thomas Gar said the family of four were killed on their way to the farm.

His words, "The young man was going to his farm alongside his wife and child when they were intercepted by the Fulani herdsmen, they collected the young man's phone and forced him to call his father to come so that they will release them.

"Unknowing to the young man, he called his father to the spot, but instead both the young man, the wife, the child and the father that came were all killed instantly," he said

He lamented that since Vice President Yemi Osinbajo visited the state, there appears to be no peace for the Tiv people of Nasarawa

"The vice president came barely about a month ago and all our expectations were that there will be peace, but unfortunately, there is no peace in our communities

"Up till now, nobody has gone back to the places of their abode, and farming season is fast running out and they are still hanging around in the neighbouring communities

"But as I speak, we have minimun security personnel on ground and the Tiv people are still stranded in various IDPs camps because they have not gone back to their places of abode," he maintained.

He, therefore, said that when Osinbajo visited Nasarawa State, he left a promise that a lot of security personnel would be deployed to the affected communities.

According to Gar, "the Tiv people in the southern senatorial district of the state are still suffering and are still trapped in the IDPs camps."

The Public relations officer of the state police command, ASP Samaila Usman simply said he was yet to be briefed on the development.

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