

Over 20 farmers killed in suspected herdsman attack in Nasarawa

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Several persons have been killed in armed attacks on communities in Nasarawa State by persons believed to be herdsman.

Confirmed report has it that gunmen believed to be Fulani herdsman invaded Chabo, Daa, Wuchi and Tse-Udugh, Hagher and Shankodin largely Tiv communities of Obi, Awe and Lafia local government areas of Nasarawa State killing several persons.

It was gathered that the said attackers allegedly carried out the attacks in reprisal to avenge the killing of their own, one Idris Umaru whose dead body was found in the area.

Investigations revealed that the attackers had beginning from Saturday, went from one village to another till Sunday night killing over 52 people unchallenged by security forces.

It was gathered that besides the number of persons killed,

several others escaped with various degrees of injuries from gunshots and some of them have been taken to the Dalhatu Araf Specialist Hospital in Lafia for treatment while others are believed to be languishing in the bush.

A survivor of the attack, Adugh Ortoho, told New Telegraph that the attackers came in their numbers carrying AK-47 and machetes shooting anyone at sight.

He said: "we worked today (Sunday) and getting to the close of business for the day, suddenly we heard gunshots in all angles in our village, as I speak many people have been killed, others ran into the bush with bullets wounds/

"I am surprised with the attack, because there has been no problem anywhere, infact some people went to farm just to see gunmen firing from all directions."

Continuing, the dejected man said, "I saw many dead people as I was running for my dear life. As I speak I can't locate my family members because both of us ran to different directions."

President, Tiv Development Association (TIDA), Comrade Peter Ahemba, told our Correspondent in a telephone interview that over 20 dead bodies have so far been recorded from the scene of the attacks.



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