

Tiv protest as gunmen kill two, chop off woman's breast

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The President of the Tiv Development Association (TIDA) in Nasarawa State Peter Ahemba has decried the violent attack on Gidan Ityotye, a Tiv farming community in the Obi Local Government Area of the state by gunmen suspected to be herdsmen on Friday.

The gangsters reportedly killed two people and chopped off the breast of a 25-year-old woman. A number of residents were said to have been injured in the attack.

Ahemba, who paid a sympathetic visit to Ityotye, blamed the political class for the continuous attacks on Tiv communities in the state.

He said: "Why are the attacks targeted mainly at Tiv farmers and why has it become a recurring decimal that our people are displaced in every election year?"

"It is now obvious that the selective attacks and killing of innocent Tiv farmers have a political undertone. The conspiracy of silence from our represen-

tatives at both state and national levels is worrisome.

"We have so far lost 21 of our kinsmen in the Doma, Keana and Obi LGAs within the last two months due to brutal attacks by armed herdsmen with many others sustaining varying degrees of injury.

"It is very unfortunate that none of our representatives either in the state or National Assembly has openly condemned the ugly development, apart from the chairmen of the affected LGAs, who have been doing their best to ensure peace."



L-R: Chairperson, Planning Committee, 22nd National Women's Conference Officials (COWLSO), Mrs Nkem Sofela; Winner of 2-bedroom apartment, Dr Ibijoke Sanwo-Olu; Lagos State Governor, Mr Babajide Sanwo-Olu; Winner of Turkish return ticket, Mrs Abiola Liadi and winner of new GAC Sports car, the recently-concluded COWLSO NWC held at Eko Hotels and Suites