

# 4 die in farmers/herders clash in Nasarawa communities

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No fewer than four persons were feared killed in different communities in three local government areas of Obi, Keana and Doma in Nasarawa State.

The latest was the one at Kertyo in Obi Local Government Area where a herder and a farmer lost their lives during a fight over alleged trespass on farm resulting in the death of the two.

It was learnt that a heated argument ensued between a herder and a farmer over alleged destruction of crops by cows when the herder allegedly pulled out his machete and inflicted cuts on the farmer leading to a fight that resulted to the death of both the herder and the farmer.

It was further gathered that two other farmers were killed by AK 47 wielding herders separately in Tiv communities of the state to avenge the death of one of their own at the Kertyo incident.

President of Tiv Youth Organisation (TYO) in Nasarawa State, Mr Barnab Zayol, disclosed that three farmers were killed by herders in three local governments of Obi, Keana and Doma following the Kertyo incident.

He said that the incidence in Kertyo, a Tiv settlement near Adu-

du town in Obi Local Government Area of the state occurred when two herders forcefully entered the farm of one John William and he advised the herder and told him to control the cows out of the farm but to no avail. "When the victim caught a lamb as witness to present to security operatives, a fight ensued between the two leading to injuries on both sides which resulted to their death.

The Tiv leader disclosed that a 25-year-old younger brother to Gideon in Doka ward in Doma Local Government Area of the state was killed in his house at Kwamena community by suspected Fulani herdsmen for no reason.

Explaining what transpired in Keana Local Government where argument ensued between one Eric Iorshase and Saleh Adamu,



Herders

the Fulani herder in the farm over grazing on a farm where crops were yet to be harvested, Zayol said in the cause of trying

to let the cows out of the farm, the herder who considers his animals over the farmer's crops stabbed him severally and killed him.

## Torrential rainfall still a challenge to our operations – LSPWC

The Lagos State Public Works Corporation (LSPWC) has again lamented the disruption of its scheduled road maintenance and rehabilitation activities due to the continuous heavy downpour being experienced in most parts of the state.

This was made known yesterday by the General Manager of the Corporation, Lateef Somide, while speaking on the on-going efforts of his agency to make Lagos roads motorable in spite of the rains.

According to him, the Corporation has been significantly handi-

high water table nature of the topography in most parts of the state.

This, according to him makes the usage of Hot Asphalt which is the major material for road pavement not suitable in wet weather.

He said: "What we have noticed in the past couple of months is that while waiting for the ground to dry after a particular rainfall so as to ad-

dress damaged sections of the road, another heavy downpour occurs within a space of two to three days.

"Despite that we carefully use weather forecasts in planning our operation, there are many instances where rain falls as soon as our men left the sites, thus compromising the integrity of the work done."

## UNICAL VC condemns alleged lecturer's assault on students, calls for probe