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## APC youth leader, 3 others killed in fresh Fulani herdsmen, farmers' clash in Benue

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By Peter Duru

MAKURDI—Four persons including the All Progressives Congress, APC, youth leader, were feared killed in another bloody clash between Fulani herdsmen and farmers at Tse Tia, in Tarka Local Government area of Benue State.

Vanguard learned that the latest killing erupted when some unidentified youths in the village allegedly killed two herdsmen and five cattle that were grazing the said village.



According to the source, when the story of the murder got to the herdsmen, they stormed the village later in the day to retrieve the remains of their kinsmen.

The source said: “Their presence in the village enraged the locals and a bloody fight ensued leading to the abduction and murder of two persons from the village, including the APC youth leader in Tarka local government area, Mr. Aondohemba Kasa.

”The reprisal attack was what forced the youths of the community to take over the busy Makurdi-Gboko road for several hours yesterday thereby disrupting the free flow of traffic on the highway.

“They made bonfire on the highway and rebuffed appeals by the Secretary to the State Government, SSG, Mr. Takema Targema who visited the scene to plead with them to open up the highway, insisting that the herdsmen be compelled to release corpses of those they had earlier abducted and killed.”

It was further gathered that after much persuasion, the youths reopened the highway, after the corpse of the youth leader was recovered later in the afternoon by the Police.

Confirming the incident, the Benue State Police Public Relations Officer, PPRO, Assistant Superintendent, ASP, Moses Yamu said the remains of the APC youth leader had been recovered by the Police.

“Normalcy has returned to the area and the road has also been reopened for use by motorists,” he said.

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