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Suspected herders kill 3 in Nasarawa

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LAFIA—NO fewer than three persons have been reportedly killed during an attack on Antsa village, Kwara district, Keana Local Government Area of Nasarawa State by suspected herdsmen.

It was gathered that the attack followed an alleged killing of a Fulani man, who was attacked by suspected armed robbers near a Tiv settlement on his way from Kadarko to Kwara village.

A resident who spoke on the incident, John Atume, claimed that the incident occurred when the deceased, a Fulani man was travelling with a Tiv man on a motorcycle on the Kadarko-Kwara but they ran into gunmen, who killed the Fulani man.

According to Atume, “The Fulani man was shot dead by the armed robbers, who attacked the two of them on their way to Kwara but the Tiv man escaped with bullet wounds and ran into the bush. The next day, some Fulani herdsmen carrying AK-47 invaded Antsa and other villages and started shooting at the villagers.

“So far, three persons have been killed while others are receiving treatment at various hospitals and those of us who survived the attack left our homes.”

Reacting to the incident, President, Tiv Development Association, TIDA, Peter Ahemba, who confirmed the incident, yesterday, described the attack on his kinsmen as unfortunate, calling on the state government to look into the issue.

He said: “Based on the unprovoked attack on my kinsmen, I have reported the matter to Governor Abdullahi Sule and he has promised to contact the Commissioner of Police in the state to deploy police personnel to the affected communities to restore peace.

“I am, therefore, calling on the Tiv people, especially the youths to remain calm and not to take law into their hands despite the unprovoked attack on them as the state government is working assiduously to restore peace in the area.”

Contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer, Ramhan Nansel said he was not aware of any attack as being claimed.

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