

From **Gyang Bere, Jos**

ANGUISH, pains and sorrow have become daily companion of Rambuu and Nding villages in Fan District of Barkin-Ladi Local Government Area of Plateau State where series of fresh attacks orchestrated by Fulani herdsmen claimed 10 innocent lives. The attack on the troubled community resumed two weeks ago where seven persons were ambushed in a relaxation centre and killed by the Fulani herdsmen. Since then, there have been attacks and counter attacks forcing the villagers to vacate their ancestral homes.

Sadly, the herdsmen launched another bloody attack on Saturday, May 19, 2018, which consumed three members of a family while returning from the

farm. Their names were given as Bitrus Dalyop, Davou Dalyop and No'omi Dalyop. They were killed by gunshots and inflicted machete cuts.

The attack persisted throughout Monday and degenerated to a point of adopting the usage of rocket launched in Rambuu and Nding communities on Wednesday. Fortunately, no life was lost but chairman of Fan Community Development Association, Da. Choji Pam, escaped death narrowly.

He said the rocket landed closed to his house in the afternoon, a position he left few minutes after: "I was very lucky, if not I would have been death by now. The rocket dropped close to a position I left in less than 30 minutes.

"The sound created fear and

panic in the entire community, it was as if we are in a war situation. You could see the gravity in which the rocket came with, which spark off fire in the particular position. People became terrified and confused, thereby by making the village unsafe and inhabitation.

"Since then, women, children and the aged from Rambuu, Nding, Dorowa in Fan District and Ropp District are fleeing from their ancestral villages for fear of being caught up in the web of bloody attack, the deployment of sophisticated weapons such as AK47 and rocket launching from bordering villages of Mangu Local Government by the herdsmen."

The Gwom Rwei of Fan, Da. Iliya Dashwei, was forced out of his village when it became obvi-

ous that his life was been targeted by the herdsmen. He escaped gunshots several times from the herdsmen and decided to flee the village on Wednesday May 22, 2018 for fear of being killed.

The unfortunate incident occurred one week after the District Head of Gashish, Da. John Dalyop, was attacked in his residence and escaped death narrowly. His house was burnt with a car and valuables worth millions of naira. Currently, he is receiving treatment in an undisclosed hospital in Jos, the state capital of Plateau State. Also sacked by Fulani herdsmen from his village, is the Gwom Rwei of Ropp, Da. Edward Bot.

At the moment, these traditional rulers are not living in their respective villages because of fear of being killed by the herdsmen. It

was gathered that they have stood vehemently against the carnage perpetrated by herdsmen in Barkin-Ladi Local Government.

Da. Haruna Rwang, an elder in Fan community, will live to remember the brutality and terror in the village by the killer herdsmen. He escaped death several times in his farm leading to the loss of three members of his family:

"The memory of the gory killing by Fulani herdsmen in this community will ever remain fresh in my mind. I have suffered humiliation, terror and untold hardship in the hands of these evil men. I lost three members of my family and escaped death narrowly even on the last Saturday attack."

Worried by the unfortunate development which was fast con-