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The boy was said to have immediately alerted his father but villagers who witnessed the owner of the farm challenge the suspected thief waded into the matter.

Unfortunately, the village came under severe attack the same evening after peace was brokered between the two parties prompting the council chairman, Mrs Eunice Mbajwa to call for security intervention.

Mrs Mbajwa told journalists in a telephone conversation in Makurdi that she swung into action by calling the Benue police command for help but regretted that while the mobile policemen were on their way to the village in an Hilux vehicle accompanied by a security officer of the council they were ambushed by Fulani men and were killed.

According to her, all the four occupants of the vehicle including three policemen were killed on the way by the herdsmen.

"I was informed of the little skirmish between the Fulani man and the Tiv bee farmer. I immediately alerted the police but around 6pm that Friday somebody phoned me that some Fulani men had crossed the river in three boats and were armed to teeth. When I heard this I immediately called police and they swiftly swung into action but it was like the Fulani men were laying ambush.

"I later gathered that one of the security officers in my council and three mobile police men who were on their way in a Hilux vehicle to keep surveillance in the area were ambushed and killed", she said.

The chairman also alleged that the Fulani men burnt down many houses and farmland, adding that one villager was shot in the process by the herder and was rushed to a hospital at Naka.

Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Daniel Ezeala, when contacted on phone said that he would brief our correspondent later but did not call back as at the time of filling this report.

At the moment, residents of the troubled home had deserted their environ to take shelter elsewhere near the state capital, Makurdi.



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