

FCT perm sec meets Fulani elders over killings

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The FCT Permanent Secretary, Engr. John Obinna Chukwu, has held an emergency meeting with leaders of the victims of the gun attack in Pyakassa to avoid any reprisal.

Chukwu, who held the meeting with the Fulani elders in his office, emphasised the need to maintain law and order, assuring that the perpetrators would definitely be apprehended

and therefore nobody should take the laws into their hands.

He reiterated that the police and other security agencies in the FCT are on top of the situation.

It could be recalled that hoodlums attacked a herders' camp in Ketti-Pyakassa, a suburb of Abuja last Tuesday night, killing seven persons and injuring five others.

Meanwhile, the permanent secretary has directed the Area Council Services

Secretariat to schedule a stakeholders meeting with herdsmen dwelling in and around the Federal Capital City, Abuja, for next week.

According to him, the main issue to be discussed at the meeting is how to permanently put a stop to the knotty cases of grazing of cattle within the city centre.

He affirmed that after the stakeholders meeting, the FCT Administration would have reached an understanding on how to permanently solve the

problem of grazing cattle in the city centre.

Engr. Chukwu remarked that this would be an enlarged meeting between the FCT Administration and the Fulani herdsmen as well as their leaders in the FCT.

He insisted that grazing of cattle in the city centre and along the Airport Expressway must be stopped because there are designated grazing areas in Paikon-Kore, in the Gwagwalada Area Council of the territory, which he said, is underutilised.

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