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# Many killed, houses burnt in attacks on Taraba villages

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Many people were feared killed and about 120 houses set ablaze in simultaneous attacks carried out on Fulani settlements in Sardauna Local Government Area of Taraba State early yesterday.

Daily Trust gathered that several cows were also killed by the attackers who invaded several villages and settlements.

A resident of one of the affected villages, Malam Bello Haruna, said several Mambilla youths led by militiamen invaded his village and shot

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several persons.

He said the attackers also set ablaze all the houses in the village and killed many cows, adding that he managed to escape along with his two children and wife.

"The attack was unprovoked as we did not have any dispute with them," Haruna said.

Another source, Malam Ibrahim Dauda from Ngourouge town, told our reporter in a telephone interview that the militiamen attempted to launch an attack on Ngourouge town on Saturday but timely arrival of a detachment of soldiers saved the situation.

Dauda explained that dusk to dawn curfew was enforced in the town by the soldiers but the militiamen launched attacks on surrounding villages and settlements early yesterday.

The state Police Commissioner Mr Yunana Babas could not be reached for comment as he was said to have led a team of mobile police to the area.

The state Public Relations officer, DSP David Misel, said in a text message to our reporter that he could not yet confirm if any life was lost, but that intervention by the police had brought the situation under control.



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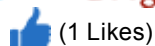
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