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Gunmen kill 14 in Fulani villages in Taraba

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Gunmen suspected to be Nyandan militia have killed 14 people in Hausa Fulani villages in Lau Local Government Area of Taraba State Wednesday night.

Daily Trust gathered that Santuraki, Abbare and Nnega villages were attacked. The gunmen also attacked Mayo Lope town where



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they killed three Fulani and burnt down several houses belonging to Hausa Fulani.

Attempt to attack Abbare town was repelled by youths in the town who engaged the attackers and pushed them back.

A resident of the town, Alhaji Abubakar Abbare, told Daily Trust that the attack was unprovoked, adding that Fulani in Abbare have coexisted peacefully with Nyandan people for over a century.

He said they have sent a distress call to security agents including the police over the attack but up till now they were facing threat of attack from the militiamen.

Abubakar Abbare also said over 40 Fulani settlements north of Abbare down to villages across Adamawa State were burnt by the militia men and hundreds of cows stolen.

Many are now taking refuge with their relations in Jalingo.

Daily Trust also gathered that the Mayolope-Numan road has been abandoned by motorists due to the attacks. Motorists are told to go through Zing-Mayo Belwa.

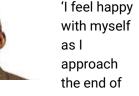
Contacted, the spokesman of the police in Taraba, ASP David Misal, confirmed the attack but said he could not give casualty figure.

"We received distress calls from the area and the state commissioner of police had directed the deployment of additional men to restore law and order," ASP Misal said.

He also said "The road from Jalingo to Mayo Lope is secured vehicles are moving but anything after the bridge of Mayo Lope town is Adamawa state and it is the Adamawa police command that can comment on that."



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