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Bauchi; 16 killed in Christian village in northern Nigeria



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At least 16 people were killed in a pre-dawn attack Friday in a Christian village in northern Nigeria beset by ethnic and sectarian

Bauchi State, Friday said 16 people were killed while 20 houses were in Kurum village of Bogoro Local Government Area of the state during attack by gunmen on Wednesday. The unidentified gunmen attacked the village in Bauchi state, one of the worst hit states by post election riots last month.

"There was an attack on Kurum village by unknown gunmen and from reaching me 16 people have been killed and 20 houses burnt in the Amama Abakasanga, Bauchi state police commissioner, told AFP by tel from Bauchi.

Mr John Abakasanga also told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in

EFCC Arraigns Ex- Works Minister, 7 Others over N75.7bn Fraud

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, on May 11, 2011 arraigned a former Minister of Works and Housing, Dr. Hassan Lawal and 7 others on a 24-count criminal charge bordering on fraudulent



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that the motive behind the attack was not known.

He, however, said the attack followed one of the serial raids in such months.

The area which came under attack is in Borogo local government area on the border with violence-wracked Plateau state, whose capital Jos has flashpoint of sectarian unrest.

Police have been deployed in the area to prevent escalation of violence in this notorious for clashes pitting predominantly Christian farmers and Fulani nomads.

The police boss said gunmen had adopted a hit-and-run strategy in the area, adding that the police were investigating the cause of the attack.

Also speaking to NAN, Mr Bukata Zhadi, the Secretary of Zaria Elders' Traditional Rulers in Bogoro and Tafawa Balewa councils, said three persons receiving treatment in the hospital died, bringing the number dead to 19.

Zhadi said that many other persons were in critical condition in various hospitals. The secretary hinged the recurrent crisis on the state government's failure to tackle the problem.

NAN reports that since a crisis erupted in Tafawa Balewa and Bogoro councils on Jan. 27, there had been several attacks in the communities with many deaths and several houses destroyed.

Meanwhile, the state government has announced that it was aware of individuals and groups who incite youths and hire mercenaries to perpetrate violence.

Bauchi state is predominantly Muslim but neighbouring Bogoro and Balewa districts are inhabited by mainly Christians of the Sayawa tribe. Fulani nomads are in the minority there but ethnic and religious tensions and animosity between the two groups have remained high.

In January a billiard dispute between a Christian owner and a Muslim person in Tafawa Balewa led to bloody clashes that left over 30 people dead and several

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They were docked before Justice Bilkisu Aliyu of the Federal High Court sitting in Abuja.

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destruction of 50 houses and a mosque.

Fulani residents fled the area and resorted to nocturnal attacks on 5 villages in reprisals which drew revenge attacks by the Sayawa on neighbouring Fulani villages and settlements.

Police said no arrests had been made yet over the latest attack.

"We are yet to identify the attackers but the problem of the people in the area is that they are not willing to live in peace," Abakasanga said.

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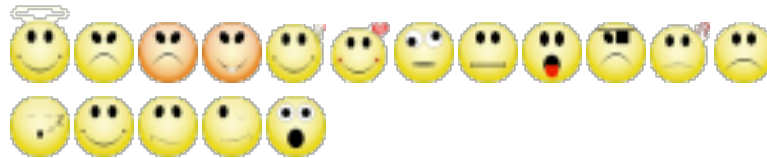
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