

## Violence Claims Lives Of Family of Eight

### ... Yero Urges Calm

From **Saxone Akhaine** (Northern Bureau Chief)

**A**GAIN, violence erupted in Kaduna suburb of Kaura Local Government Area following an ethnic communal clash, claiming the lives of a family of eight persons yesterday.

It was alleged that armed men suspected to be Fulani herdsmen invaded Machok town and killed the said family of members in an early morning attack before disappearing into the thin air.

The incident was said to have provoked the youths of Machok town, who mobilised and attacked a Fulani settlement close to the town.

However, the armed security personnel stationed in the area made frantic effort to put the situation under control, while the incident escalated to a full scale communal violence.

The gravity of the bloody clash forced the state Governor, Alhaji Mukhtar Ramalan Yero to abandon other state duties and headed straight to the scene to pacify the warring parties.

An eye witness, Mrs. Bulus Baicainta who spoke in an interview, said when the governor was busy addressing the youths and elders of the communities another attack was said to have been launched on a nearby village where several people were said to have lost their lives, saying that "it took the intervention of the military personnel and security attaché to the governor to bring the situation under control."

Though, the Police Command in the state has not reacted to the violent clash in the community, a policeman in the area who pleaded anonymity said that the attack was serious, adding that there is likelihood of an increase in the death toll.

In a statement by the Media Aide to the governor, Mallam Ahmed Meyaiki said that "Governor Yero yesterday visited Ungwar Kajit in Manchok Community of Kaura LGA over attack by unknown

assailants," describing the heinous act as "ungodly and condemnable."

It said the governor who visited the scene condemned the attack and prayed that God should expose the perpetrators and touch their hearts to stop such dastardly acts.

Meyaiki stressed that Yero had already ordered full investigation into the attack and promised to empower community surveillance by vigilante groups in areas that have become prone to attacks to complement formal security arrangements towards forestalling recurrence.

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