According to the report, one of the herdsmen was killed sometime last year and his body mutilated by suspected ritualists, but other herdsmen accused Tawari community of being responsible and had threatened a reprisal.

Following persistent persuasion by the community head, Alhaji Yahaya Tawari, against a reprisal, the herdsmen lived in the community with their host community in peace until a few days ago when they started moving out en-mass.