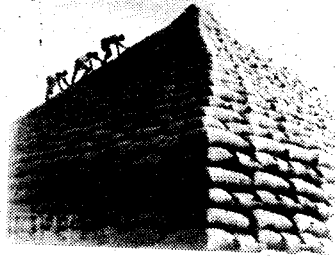


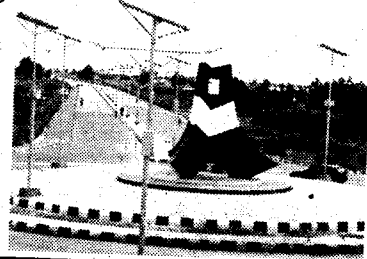
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Two dead, five injured in Jigawa herdsman/farmers clash

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IT was another round of mourning as Fulani herdsmen clashed with farmers in Jigawa State, leaving several people dead, or injured with much property destroyed.

Three farmers were reportedly killed in the clash on Wednesday in Kowo village, Birnin Kudu local government area by the herdsmen who later moved on Batti village to the same area they seriously injured seven people.

The nomadic Fulani, who move with their animals in search of feed, are notorious

for wiping out crops where their animals graze especially during the harvesting period.

In the last two weeks, the herdsmen have reportedly attacked villages of Gogiya, Zugabia, Garin malam, Danyano, Margadu and Kadara, in Guri local government area, killing one farmer and a policeman (name withheld) as well as wreaking havoc on farmlands.

According to our correspondent who visited some of the areas, the Fulani wielded local weapons like bow and arrow, cutlass, swords, local guns which they used to shoot and wound nine villagers. Policemen were

said to have been shot dead in front of Guri police station.

It was also revealed that the herdsmen who also attacked Zoriya and Kubutu, fled to the border road of Jigawa, Yobe and Bauchi after they committed their heinous crime.

Most of the people interviewed in the area, called on the state and federal government to provide them with adequate security personnel for protection.

At Guri local government, our reporter was told that the council chairman, Alhaji Abdullahi Bulama Zugo, had travelled to Abuja for a carnival.

The attackers also attacked villages in neighbouring Kiri Kasamma local government council where armed mobile policemen dispersed them.

When contacted, the Jigawa State Police Commissioner, Mr Kayode Theophilus who confirmed the incident through the spokesman of the command, ASP Abdul Jinjiri, said the clashes is somewhat of an annual event that occurs during harvesting season.

Jinjiri said that the police commissioner organized a dialogue between the Fulani Miyatti Allah officials, farmers and traditional rulers, security operatives

where reconciliation was Mr Kayode however denied the report that a policeman was killed but admitted that a civilian was killed, while four persons were arrested in connection with the murder. He added that the suspects were detained at criminal investigation department (CID) of the command even as investigation was going on.

On the Birnin Kudu palaver, the police commissioner said two people were killed and five others were injured, adding that five were arrested and detained at CID department of the command in connection with the clash.



Niger State governor, Dr. Mu'azu Aliyu (left) receiving a report from the Etsu Nupe, Alh Yahaya Abubakar, for the University of Jos Peace-building and National Unity project, at Government House Minna...recently.

NSCDC chief charges command on diligence

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THE new Commandant of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), Nasarawa State Command, Andekin Amos Musa has charged men of the command to be diligent and proactive in the discharge of their duties.

He was deployed to Nasarawa state following the recent restructuring and transformation in the corps in line with meeting up with the security challenges in the country. The Minister of Interior, Comrade Abba Moro has since approved the redeployment of a new Commandant to the state.

Musa gave the charge for officers and men of the command to be diligent in their duties while addressing officers and men of the command on assumption of office at the command headquarters in Lafia last weekend.

While commending the efforts of his predecessor, Nweze Okemini who has been deployed to Niger state to head the command,

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