TWO KILLED AS FULANI HERDSMEN ATTACK TIV COMMUNITIES

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Just as the nation celebrated 14 years of democracy, Fulani herdsmen have again attacked six Tiv peasant settlements in and around Kadarko, Nasarawa State, killing two people.

The communities are Tse Kyoon, Nyam Adaga, Gbor, Tsenongo and Anom.

Daily Independent gathered that the attackers, who came in two batches, burnt houses in some of the villages and destroyed cropsin the farms on

Tuesday night. The crops destroyed included maize, yam and cassava.

According to a source who spoke to Daily Independent, some of the farmers, who saw the assailants as they came, raised alarm, adding that the first batch were about 30.

He said they brandished sophisticated weapons, while the second group was made up of another 10, who were also armed.

He said because the attackers were spotted from afar, they were able to run for dear lives before they arrived their village proper.

The source also pointed out that but for the second team, the farmers would have escaped without a casualty, adding that it was the second batch that shot the two persons, a man and a woman, at Gbakaan village.

He added that the attackers who threatened to return, were again sighted by some natives of another town the next day.

The incident has sent fears on the farmers in the area, who have fled their homes and were taking refuge in Kadarko town and other settlements in the area.

Efforts to get the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Cornelius Ocholi, to confirm the report, were unsuccessful.

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