

ocesan Bishop of Ife Angli-

good deeds of late Ieju-
made who he said, was

Alakija as a disciplined and
reliable public servant and

of Mrs. Alakija was a big
loss to the state.

Two killed, 6000 displaced in Fulani, Agatu crisis

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ANOTHER attack on the
Agatu people of Agatu Local
Government Area (LGA) of
Benue state on Tuesday by
Fulani marauders, has seen
two persons killed and an-
other 6000 displaced.

State commissioner for
Works and Transport, John
Ngbede who disclosed this
in a chat with newsmen
in his office on Friday said

two villages; Ikpele and Ok-
pokolo were attacked by the
assailants.

He explained that the as-
sailants had attacked the vil-
lages in the morning while
the villagers were away on
their farms, burning and de-
stroying their homes.

The result, he said, is that
the inhabitants of the two
villages have fled their vil-
lages and have taken refuge
in near by towns and villages

with friends and relatives,
adding that apart from the
men, all the women and chil-
dren have fled the affected
areas.

He noted that though the
assailants may have come
with the intent to destroy, the
two persons that were killed
met with their death in the
hands of the attackers who
were leaving the villages
through Iwali village after
wrecking havoc in the area.

Ngbede lamented that
the activities of the assail-
ants in the area in the recent
past have forced the schools
in the affected areas to close
down.

The commissioner who
noted that the Fulani made
incursions into the area
through border towns of Na-
sarawa and Benue, appealed
to the government of the
two states to tighten security
around their border towns.

Yero who spoke at the clos-
ing ceremony of the Fourth
International Conference of
Forum for Cities in Transition,
held on Friday, at Murtala
Square, said it is the resolve
of the government to restore
peace and tackle the issues that
trigger violence in the state.

Yero who participated in
the group discussions and
interactive sessions of 5-Day
conference organized by Fo-
rum for cities in Transition,
FCT in collaboration with
Kaduna State government,
said there is no substitute to
peace except through dia-
logue and understanding one
another.