

Scores Killed In Nasarawa

Similarly, mindless killing resumed in Nasarawa State on Wednesday as men suspected to be fleeing Fulanis from Benue State invaded farmlands and homes of communities in Awe Local Government Area of the state.

Sources said the incident occurred when some Fulani herders invaded farmlands in Jangaru area of Awe, leaving scores dead and many hospitalised in some undisclosed health clinics in the town.

A farmer in the area said hundreds of thousands of herders moving from Benue to Nasarawa, in the rush to evade the Benue anti-open grazing law, has heightened tension amongst farming communities in the area.

The farmers were said to be afraid of an impending crisis.

He said farmers in the area and other border communities were having sleepless nights over the increasing number of herdsmen, a situation that was forcing farmers to harvest crops that were not yet due for harvest.

Another farmer said the level of destruction of crops was devastating, and called on the state and federal governments to urgently intervene in order to save farmers and communities from invading herders.

He added that residents at the border communities were living in perpetual fear of attacks by the herders and called on security agencies to provide security in the affected areas to safeguard lives and properties.

The farmer also called on the Federal Government and security agents to prevail on the herders to respect the right of the farmers by keeping to their grazing routes and stop killings as well as the destruction of farms and other properties.

INDEPENDENT findings reveal that some herders who had earlier moved to the border areas between Nasarawa and Benue had begun to move back to Benue to challenge the anti-open grazing law recently put in place by the state government.

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer, Nasarawa State command, DSP Idrisu Kenney, confirmed the killing but said it was only one person that was recorded.

He, however, said the command had commenced investigations into the crisis but that no arrest had yet been made.