

# Herdsmen/Farmers Clash: Kogi Lawmaker Calls For Naval Base In Bagana

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**LOKOJA** – Against the recent Fulani herdsmen violent attack on Bagana communities in Omala LGA of Kogi State, a lawmaker in the House of Assembly, Rt. Hon. Aliyu Akuh has called on the Federal Government to establish a Naval base and police station to curtail incessant killings and burning down of houses of the people of the area.

In a motion of public importance moved by the representative of Omala state constituency Hon. Aliyu Akuh on Thursday and supported by the Deputy Majority leader and member representing Ankpa 1 Hon. Ahmed Muhammed noted that the herders invaded the communities on Sunday 7th April, 2019 in which no fewer than 50 persons including policemen were killed and scores of houses razed down.

The lawmaker lamented at the attack on the villages of Bagana, Ogba and Patanyi which was one too many as similar arson took place in 2015 less than four years, creating humanitarian crises as survivors scampered to different villages within and outside the state for refuge.

He regretted that Bagana, which was noted for its peace and tranquility and being a commercial hub of the Omala local government area has been turned to ghost town as a result of incessant clashes with dire consequences on the natives.

He said while the people were returning back to their homes to rebuild their destroyed property, the gunmen again stormed the place with deadly weapons, snuffed lives out of the people, who are mostly farmers and fishermen, soliciting for urgent attention to prevent shortages of food across the area.

While asking all the stakeholders from the area to work for the restoration of peace, commended the effort of the state government for the drafting of security personnel to the area.

He urged the Federal government to urgently commence the rehabilitation of the displaced persons by directing NEMA and SEMA to provide relief materials to mitigate their suffering.

Akuh, who was a former Deputy Speaker of the House appealed to the state government to constitute a high powered panel of inquiry to unravel the remote causes of the incessant pogrom that has defied solution since 2013 when the problem erupted between Agatu/ Fulani in Benue State before it escalated to Bagana and its environs in Kogi State.