

# 14 Killed In Taraba, Plateau

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In another round of mindless killings, 14 people have been killed in Taraba and Plateau states.

① About seven persons were killed on Sunday night and several houses burnt during an attack on Buwa village in Ibi local government area of Taraba State by armed men suspected to be Fulani herdsmen.

A resident of the village, Anthony Iwuaak told LEADERSHIP at Ibi that the armed men, numbering over 20 invaded the village at about 1:15am and engaged in shooting residents and burning houses.

Iwuaak, who said he nar-

rowly escaped the attack, added that the invaders were identified as Fulani herdsmen who migrated from Benue and Nasarawa states as a result of the crisis between Tivs and Fulanis in the areas.

He called on the government to assist the people by drafting more security personnel to the affected villages to save them from the attackers.

When contacted, the spokesman of the state police command, ASP Joseph Kwaji told LEADERSHIP that only one person was killed by the attackers of Buwa village, adding that the command has drafted more of its men to the area to bring the situation under control.

In a related development,

seven people were feared killed yesterday during an attack on Wase town in Wase local government area of Plateau State by unknown gunmen who invaded the community again.

Our correspondent gathered from impeccable sources in Wase town that the gunmen had crossed over to the community from Zango village, and were shooting at anything in sight.

A youth leader from Wase, Shafi'I Sambo, told LEADERSHIP on phone that the youths in the town were left to defend themselves against the assailants as security operatives were demoralised by the alleged shooting of a youth from the community the previous day.

Sambo said Wase youths had repelled the attackers beyond Zango village where they counted seven corpses.

When our reporter visited the Special Task Force (STF) Headquarters in Jos, the STF media and information officer, Captain Salisu Mustapher was said to be out of town on an official assignment.

Also, the STF commander, Major General David Ene-tie did not answer the call put through to him or respond to a text message by our correspondent.

However, the police public relations officer (PRO), Felicia Anselm confirmed the attack but said she could not give details.

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