

responsible for several kidnappings, robberies and murder in the state and other kidnappings and armed robbery attacks. He leader at the Owerri High Court premises.

10 Killed In Herdsmen Attack On Benue Community

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In spite of series of negotiations, peace talks and agreements by the Benue and Nassarawa States government to put an end to the lingering crises between herdsmen and farmers in Benue State, suspected Fulani herdsmen have continued to attack and kill farmers in some communities of the state.

The latest is the attack on Mbahimin in Gwer East local government area of Benue State, where the herdsmen attacked and killed over 10 persons, forcing thousands to desert their homes for safety.

LEADERSHIP Friday gathered that the attack, which started on February 24, 2017, continued unabated following the villagers' attempts to prevent the herds-

men from grazing on their farm lands.

According to one of the victims, "the herdsmen, with their herds numbering thousands, insisted on grazing on our land including our cassava farms and when we insisted on them to leave our farms, they attacked us."

"Several people were killed and others wounded while our farms were massively destroyed," he said.

One of the leaders of the community, Mr. Tersoor Hwande, called for prayers for the people following the Fulani herdsmen's attacks on the community.

He said some of the people killed included Jimmy Angbian Ugon, Benjamin Iorcher Agah (younger brother to John Agah, Prof. Ashiko's driver) and Puusu, a visitor who came to the community for the marriage arrangements of his son.

"The strange thing is that Jimmy and Benjamin were killed and all their eyes were plucked out" he said.

When contacted, the Benue State Police public relations officer, Moses Yamu, who confirmed the incidents, said the police got a report that a Fulani man was killed in Mbahimin, during the crises between herdsmen and farmers but before they could reach there, there was a reprisal attack by the herdsmen which resulted in the killing of four residents of the area.

According to Yamu, the police have deployed and stationed their men at the spots of the crises prone areas to restore normalcy and warned against reprisal attack by both parties, adding that any breakdown of law should be reported to the police.

A fox is not taken twice in the same snare. - English proverb