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Jos Crisis: 6 Fulani Nomads Killed In Kaduna, Says Pastoralist Leader

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Agroup representing Fulani nomads in West Africa, the Pastoral Resolve (PARE), yesterday disclosed that armed men from neighbouring Plateau State attacked some Fulani pastoralist homesteads in various settlements in Kizakoro and some parts of Kidundun Districts of Sam chiefdom in Kauru Local Government Area of Kaduna State in the early hours of Thursday, April 15.

A gang of Beroms armed with guns and axes raided a Fulani settlement in Kauru, a village bordering the violence-wracked Plateau State, according to Malam Saleh B. Momaleh, the head of the Kaduna branch of PARE, said.

"The Berom militia came through the bush from ... Plateau State and launched an overnight attack on Fulani settlement, killing six people including a woman and carting away a large number of cows which we are yet to quantify," Momaleh told AFP on the phone from Kaduna.

Earlier in a press statement he issued in Kaduna, titled: "Unprovoked killing , confiscation of animals and burning of pastoralist households in Kizakoro and Kidondun Districts, Sam Chiefdom Kauru Local Government, Kaduna State," Momaleh said in the course of the violent attack, six men were killed.

It said one Adamu, a 60-year old man, was killed at Kikirin Chawai in Kidundun District Malam Burti, a 65-year old man, was killed at Kitansa and Kizakoro District; Juli Amadu, 65-years old, was killed at Anguwar Rimi in Kizakoro District, and Ali Adamu, 35-year old, was killed at Kigam in Kizakoro District. Also Kankau Golsori, a 30-year old man, was killed at Kizachi Chawai in Kizakoro District and one Mariri Juli, a 13-year old boy, was killed at Anguwan Rimi.

The director claimed that during the attack the Fulani lost about 1,408 cattle and 235 sheep, adding that five Fulani households were completely burnt down with their personal property.

"Over 50 Fulani households were displaced from these two districts. Some of them are currently taking refuge in Warfi and Oari districts in Sam chiefdom, while some have migrated to Keffi in Nasarawa State and Toro LGA in Bauchi State," he said.

But the police in Kaduna, who confirmed the killings, maintained that only three people were killed.

"We are aware of an incident between farmers and nomads in Kauru where three people were killed," Kaduna state police commissioner Mohammed Tambari Yabo said. The violence was contained and investigations have been opened, he added.

In the past week sectarian tension has been simmering in nearby Bauchi State following the murder of a pastor and his wife as Christians called for revenge.

In what appeared to be a reprisal for earlier violence, last March herdsmen from the mainly Muslim Fulani clan launched a wave of attacks on five Christian villages, killing more than 500 people, according to state officials.


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