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Fulani attacks: Death toll rises to 38

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DEAD toll from the attacked communities of Anyiin, Logo local Government area of Benue state by suspected Fulani insurgents has risen to 38 even as security has been beefed up to restore normalcy.

Benue state Governor Gabriel Suswan on Tuesday charged the military and the police drafted to the areas to ensure adequate security protection for the affected communities after the carnage visited on them by the suspected insurgents.

The suspected Fulani insurgents had a week ago attacked and killed no fewer than 20 people on the spot in Chembe, Ife Mbakpa Tse Mue villages of Logo council while razing several houses.

Governor Suswan while on an assessment visit regretted why the Fulanis were in the habit of killing Benue indigenes without provocation adding that such an act must be investigated by the security agents to find a lasting solution to the matter.

The suspected insurgents had laid siege in the neighboring community even while the governor was on the assessment tour before the military chased them away to the boundaries of Taraba and Nasarawa states.

Suswan appealed to the people of the area to cooperate with security operatives so that they discharge their duties and urged them to remain law abiding.

The Nation observed that women, children and the aged dominates the thousands displaced in the affected communities.

A woman who identified herself simply as Aduer was profusely crying told our reporter that she lost both her husband and her only grown up male child during the attacks.

The Commissioner of Police Hyacinth Dagala and his counterpart from the army Col. Abiodun Lagbaja both assured the governor of adequate security protection for the communities in order for them to return home.

The paramount ruler of the area HRH Jimmy Meeme told the governor and the security chiefs that his domain has been under constant attack by the suspected Fulani insurgents and appealed that the situation be put under control for his subjects to go back to their usual farming.