

Three die in herdsmen attack on Niger communities

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Fulani cattle breeder

•*Senator decries continuous assault*

Three persons died and several others were injured after herdsmen attacked Kaure, Ajatan and Kwaki communities in Shiroro Local Government of Niger State on Saturday.

The herdsmen also made away with livestock.

This is coming barely two weeks after Baga, Alawa, Tunga-Sakai, Laye and Dnakau were attacked and four persons died.

Meanwhile, Senator David Umaru (representing Niger East) has decried the continued attacks by men suspected to be Fulani Herdsmen.

He called on the state government and security agencies to address the situation before it escalates.

Addressing reporters in Minna yesterday, Umaru lamented that the attacks has claimed many lives and rendered many homeless. He reiterated the need for the government to act fast before the entire communities are wiped out.

"The government, especially at the state level, must wake up because the security of the lives is its exclusive responsibility. A responsible government should not watch people being killed daily.

"I have been following the development but I'm helpless because security is in the hand of the government. This development has greatly impoverished the people because their cattle and farm produce are being stolen by these herdsmen.

"The truth of the matter is that the government needs to do something, and very fast, because the people are being killed, they are not secured and so some are beginning to relocate from their ancestral homes and farm land," Umaru said.