

“Seventeen deaths were also recorded in Barkin-Ladi LGA.”

The police listed the villages as Ndun, Ngyong, Murfet, Makunday, Tamiso, Chiang, Tahore, Gawarba, Dares, Meyenga, Darwat and Butura Kampani in Bokkos council and Barkin-Ladi LGA as well as NTV, Hurum and Darawat in Barkin-Ladi.

The command, in a statement by its Spokesman, Okoro Alawari, also condoled the families of the victims.

Alawari added that the Deputy Commissioner of Police in charge of Operations had been directed to relocate to Bokkos LGA and to deploy well-armed operational forces to other troubled areas to prevent further attacks.

But Kassa said Bokkos council lost 125 persons while his Barkin Ladi counterpart Danjuma Dakil stated that the number had risen from 17 to 30 in his area.

Kassa, in a telephone interview with The Nation, said: “The situation on the ground now is not yet Uhuru. We are working tirelessly. We never launched any attack on anyone. They are the ones attacking and we cannot understand why.

“The death toll from Bokkos now is 125.”

Dakil also said the casualty figure “is now 30, not 17 as earlier reported”

The council chairmen added that over 1,000 injured persons were rushed to the Jos University Teaching Hospital (JUTH ) and “several other hospitals in Jos.”