

Bauchi recurring crisis claims 4

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FOUR people were reportedly killed while five others sustained various degrees of injury in overnight renewed attack in Gangare village of Bogoro Local Government Area of Bauchi State.

Sudden attacks between ethnic groups has been a recurring phenomenon in Bogoro and Tafawa Balewa local government areas of Bauchi State council which dates back to 19991.

The 1991 and subsequent 1995 ethno-religious crises in the two council areas had led to the killing of hundreds of innocent citizens. The crisis recurred in 2001, 2005 and 2007.

Bauchi State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Ikechukwu Ayo Aduba, while confirming the incident said, "Yes, we have received the report but I don't have the details, we are trying to get the report from the Divisional Police Officer."

Aduba stated, "You know the problem in the area, but we have restored peace except those little-little things, we encouraged the people in the area to form vigilantes, so that whenever they notice such things they should inform us so that we can reach there on time."

In his account of the incident the secretary of the Sayawa Elders Council, Barrister Bukata Zhadi, had while commenting on the incident alleged that some unknown gunmen invaded the village in the night around 2am when its inhabitants were asleep.

Zhadi said during the attack the gunmen killed four

people and injured five others, stating, "We have reported the matter to the police and soldiers deployed to the area to restore peace."

He explained that the condition of the injured people was critical at Bogoro General Hospital where they were admitted for treatment.

According to him, some of the injured persons had identified their attackers during the incident because they initially knew them.

Air surveillance crises

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WITH air surveillance and swift intervention of the air power a lot of the crises we have in this country will be minimized, House of Representatives Committee on Air force Chairman, Honorable Kenneth Archibong, has said yesterday.

Speaking when he paid a courtesy call to Kaduna State Governor Patrick Ibrahim Yakowa at Sir Kashim Ibrahim House, Archibong said the committee would look at how to address some of the security challenges in the country, noting that they would do all it takes to bring back the Nigerian Air force to what it was used to be.

According to him, the committee was on oversight function in Kaduna to visit the Air force base to see for themselves some of the aircraft they have and to find out some of their challenges in the hope of finding a solution to it.

"The committee will do what it needs to do to bring back the Air force to what it used to be. Like you rightly pointed out with air surveillance and swift intervention of the air power a lot of the crises we have in this country will be minimized.

"We as the committee will want to assure you that our cooperation to the air force is total. We are going to do our best to see that whatever challenges Nigerian Air force has, we will see to the legal backing, the motion and bills we will