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Fulanis kill village head, rape women in Nasarawa

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SOME suspected Fulani herdsmen have reportedly invaded Kodo Mada village in Kokona Local Government Area of Nasarawa State, killing the village head, Saleh Tanko, while two women were raped and others were said to have been kidnapped.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the mobile phones and children school fees of a former councillor, Honourable Micah Dogo, were taken away by the arm wielding marauders, who besieged the village in the midnight of Tuesday.

Witnesses told the Nigerian Tribune that the Fulanis were primarily out to rob the villagers, pointing out that they raped women whose husbands were away from home and had nothing to give the marauders.

One witness, Moses Sati, said the attackers, when they got to the house of a woman whose husband was away from home, kidnapped her and asked her to show them the houses of those who have money in the community.

The paramount ruler of the local government area, the Abaga Toni, HRH (Dr) Sylvester Ayih, who confirmed the development in his palace in Garaku, on Thursday, said the assailants invaded the community at midnight and robbed several households of their belongings in an operation that lasted several hours.

According to him: "The Fulanis came into the village shooting indiscriminately, moving from house to house, breaking doors, asking for money and scattering properties in the houses. They beat people up, and I heard they raped one woman, kidnapped one and another one ran into the bush and slept there. She came back the following morning.

"They went to the house of the village head, we don't know whether he resisted them, what we heard was that he was shot on the chest and he died. The matter was reported to the police and they went there and picked the corpse. The following day, another set of Fulanis again came to the same village, shooting sporadically."

He explained that luck, however, ran out of one of the marauders, on Thursday, who was sent back to the village from their hideout to buy recharge card, as a vigilance group caught him with an AK47

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rifle and handed him over to the police.

When contacted on phone in Lafia, the state capital, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Mallam Garba, said the command was yet to receive any signal to that effect.

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