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Renewed communal crisis claims 40 in Nasarawa

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THE renewed crisis between Eggon ethnicity and Fulani herdsmen in Nasarawa State, on Tuesday, claimed 40 lives.

However, about 15,000 persons, especially women and children, have been displaced, following the fracas and are currently taking refuge in some places in Lafia, the state capital.

Reports monitored from the community last night showed that people continued to desert their communities for fear of being attacked by the suspected Fulani herdsmen.

Investigations by the Nigerian Tribune revealed that trouble started on Sunday, following the alleged destruction of farm crops by some Fulani herdsmen at a farm belonging to an Eggon farmer, at Alingani community, in Lafia local Government Area of the state, in which 25 people from both side lost their lives.

Another melee occurred at Ikposogye, an Eggon community, on Tuesday, when gunmen, armed with weapons, besieged the area, and started shooting sporadically.

At the end of the crisis, 15 persons were said to have been killed, while many others sustained various degrees of injury.

When contacted on phone, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Ismaila Numan, confirmed two persons dead for Sunday attack, but said his office had not been briefed on Ikposogye attack.

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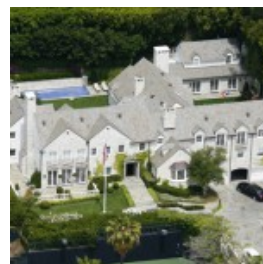
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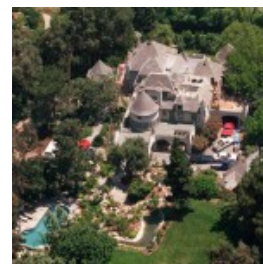
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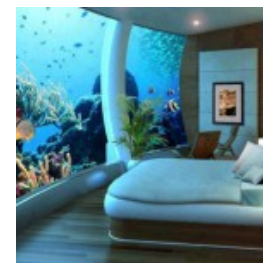
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