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Again, Fulani herdsmen kill 32 in Nasarawa

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IT was black weekend for Eggon tribe in Nasarawa State, as Fulani herdsmen laid siege for its kinsmen in a twin operation, killing over 32 people and leaving several others injured.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the operations, which lasted almost two hours, took place at Likygegba, in Arikya and Agwan-Mangoro communities, Lafia East Development Area of the state.

Eyewitnesses said the invasion, which started around 3.30 p.m. on Saturday, at Likygegba, later extended to Agwan-Mangoro, both of Eggon settlements around 11.30 p.m. that fateful day.

Sources said majority of the victims were shot in their heads and chests, while others were slaughtered.

It was also learnt that the attack was a reprisal of Gwayaka and Tungan-Dauda communities by Eggon militiamen, on Friday, around 11.35 p.m, alleging that some Fulani herdsmen were in those communities.

It was also gathered that in Tungan-Dauda, seven Hausa fishermen, believed to be conniving with the Fulani herdsmen, were gunned down by Eggon militiamen.

At Likygegba, on Saturday, it was gathered that the herdsmen, who grouped themselves into three, laid siege for Eggon farmers, as majority of whom were said to be living in Nasarawa-Eggon, in Nasarawa-Eggon Local Government Area of the state, but were farming in Likygegba village, in Lafia East Development Area.

Ummi-Seriki, as well as Agbalagu and Nasarawa Eggon communities have become refugee camps, as residents of the affected villages continued trooping to aforementioned areas for fear of being attacked again.

One of the witnesses, Beluga Mohammed, told the Nigerian Tribune that “the fulani herdsmen, fully armed, divided themselves into three groups.

“The first group will grant you access out of the village, having asked if you are an Eggon by tribe. If you answer in the affirmative, they will allow you go.

“Unknown to the victims, another group will be waiting in the middle.

“Those ones were just shooting at sight whenever they saw people coming. And as people try to escape, they were outnumbered by the last group, which hid in the bush. This group also shot at them,” he added.

Another eyewitness, Bako Ojukwu, whose wife, Amina, was shot on the hand and breast, told the Nigerian Tribune that she was nearly killed, but for God’s intervention.

She was said to be receiving treatment at an undisclosed hospital in Nasarawa-Eggon area.

When contacted, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Ismaila Numan, confirmed the incident, but said that he could not ascertain the casualty figure as of press time.

He added that the command had commenced investigations into the latest hostility.

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