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Fulani mercenaries kill 9 women, 5 others in Nasarawa

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FULANI mercenaries, on Tuesday evening, again ambushed residents of Ashige community in Lafia East Development Area of Nasarawa State, killing nine women and five others, majority of whom were Koro by tribe.

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The marauders, according to the Nigerian Tribune investigations, killed anybody at sight, burning houses and injured scores, bringing an abrupt end to the gradual return of peace in the state capital after the recent violent upheavals.

Witnesses told our correspondent that the gunmen laid siege on innocent farmers who were returning home at about 5:00p.m around River Ashangwa.

One of the witnesses, Gimba Audu, who conveyed the corpses of his kinsmen to Dalhatu Araf Specialist Hospital (DASH) in Lafia, the state capital, said his younger brother was one of those attacked by the assailants and was currently receiving treatment in an undisclosed hospital in Lafia after he sustained a gunshot wound on the head.

Another survivor, Mr Michael Danladi, said “Fulani men attacked us on our way back from the farm at about 5:00p.m, shooting sporadically at us and killed nine instantly.

“Nine other persons sustained various degrees of injury and have been taken to private hospitals in Lafia and Ashige for treatment, while five persons are still unaccounted for,” he lamented in an emotion laden voice.

Mr Danladi, who noted that the attack took place four kilometers away from Ashige town, appealed to the state government to provide security in the area, especially as it presently played host to internally displaced persons from Alawagana, Assakio and other adjoining villages ravaged by the recent spate of attacks by Fulani mercenaries in the state.

While speaking with newsmen, a councillor representing Ashige/Ugah in Lafia Local Government legislature, Honourable Juliana Esla Dauda, said “after I was informed this morning, I went to the specialist hospital and counted nine dead bodies and as I am speaking with you, the matter has been reported to the police who told us they are on top of the situation.”

When contacted on phone, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Ugochukwu Theodore, confirmed the attack, but said the information was still sketchy, assuring that the police would get to the root of the matter.