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30 killed as gunmen attack village in Taraba

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•9 feared dead as Fulanis, farmers clash in Benue

ABOUT 30 persons again lost their lives in Taraba State on Thursday as Fulani gunmen attacked Nwonko village in Wukari Local Government Area of the state.

The attack, which started in the early hours of the day, lasted for a couple of hours and resulted in the destruction of houses as well as farm produce.

The member, representing Wukari constituency in the state's House of Assembly, Mr Daniel Ishaya Gani, said most of the deceased were women and children and regretted that the killings are still going on across the state.

According to Gani, the villagers actually mistook the attackers for Boko Haram insurgents due to their numbers.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Mr John Kwaji, while confirming the attack, noted that the crisis was between the Fulani herdsmen and the Jukuns and added that nine corpses had been recovered so far and several houses burnt.

In a related development, there was a renewed clash between Tiv farmers and Fulani herdsmen in Logo Local Government Area of Benue State early Friday, where about nine persons were feared dead.

Saturday Tribune learnt that five villages in the council area, which is Governor Gabriel Suswam's local government area, were attacked with several houses burnt in the process.

The attack came barely four days after the herdsmen invaded Agatu Local Government Area of the state, where 17 people were killed.

Saturday Tribune learnt that the latest attack affected Chembe, Tse-Mue, Ife, Mgbakpa and Oragbai villages all in Ukemberagya ward, about four kilometers to the headquarters of the local government, Anyiin.

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