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18 killed as crisis hit Suswam's LG

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The country home of Governor Gabriel Suswam has been devastated with the invasion of Fulani herdsmen, leading to the death of about 18 persons in the last few days.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that many people sustained varying degrees of injuries in the attack, affecting over six villages in Logo Local Government Area of the state, including Anyii, the home town of Governor Gabriel Suswam.

An eyewitness told Nigerian Tribune that the marauders besieged the area in a renewed crisis late Sunday night, shooting sporadically and burning down houses, huts and farmlands in the affected communities.

According to an eyewitness, "the crisis started days back but in this particular instance, we had all gone to bed before we were suddenly woken up by the sounds of gunshots and movements of people around our villages by Fulani herdsmen.

"In the midst of the confusion, many of us managed to escape with our families but unfortunately, many who could not escape were either gunned down or hacked by the invaders.

"As I speak to you, our villages have been occupied by these people, we fear that well over 18 persons must have been killed and many more are still unaccounted for in these attacks. Many have been rendered homeless while a large number are taking refuge at Ugba, the local government headquarters and other safe villages."

It would be recalled that the herdsmen killed about 17 persons two weeks ago, the latest attack on Tuesday forced Governor Suswam to pay an unscheduled visit to the area in a desperate move to prevent escalation of the crisis.

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer, PPRO, Deputy Superintendent, DSP, John Bako said that few people, "I cannot remember the exact figure now, were killed.

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