

Outgoing Chief of Army Staff, Lieutenant-General T. Y. Buratai (second left), being bid farewell by Major Generals, during his handing over in Abuja, on Thursday. With him is his successor, Major-General Ibrahim Attahiru. Photo: NAN

## Igangan: Sarkin Fulani denies allegations, urges FG to probe crisis

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THE Sarkin Fulani of Igangan in Ibarapa Local Government Area of Oyo State, Seriki Salihu Abdulkadir, has denied conniving with kidnappers operating in the area as alleged by Mr Sunday Adeyemo, popularly known as Sunday Igboho.

Speaking to newsmen at a press conference in Ilorin, the Kwara State capital, on Thursday, Abdulkadir also denied knowledge of the killing of one Dr Aborode in Igangan.

Abdulkadir, who said all the allegations against him by Igboho were aimed at getting the Fulani out of Igangan and other parts of Yorubaland, added that "I

and my family have been living in Igangan for over 50 years without any challenge from anybody either in Igangan or any other place."

He, therefore, called on the emirs and other traditional rulers in the 19 northern states to come to the rescue of the Fulani resident in the South-West.

He also called on the Federal Government to probe the burning of his house, vehicles and the killing of seven of his men in Igangan by alleged agents of Igboho.

"When a Fulani boy named Omomogeto was reported to me that he raped someone, I told the vigilante to arrest the Fulani boy. When he was ar-

rested, I investigated the matter and discovered that he committed the offence, I handed him over to the family of the victim. Also, a young lady was raped by an indigene of Igangan last year to the extent that the young lady died in Igangan, nothing was done to the man who raped the young lady.

"There was no case of farm destruction reported to me that I will not send people to go and look at the farm that was destroyed. If discovered that it is true, I would order the Fulani to pay money to the farmers, for instance the Agoro family in Igangan and many more. I have where I record issues affecting the

farmers.

"On the issue of the of one Dr Aborode, I don't know anything about it. Where Dr Aborode was killed is very far from my village. It is about two hours drive to my village; you will pass through Igangan town before you get to where I am.

"Finally, I want the Federal Government to investigate this matter and anyone found guilty should face the law. My houses, 12 vehicles belonging to me, my children and some visitors were burnt and seven of my people were killed. The corpses of two are yet to be found and some of my animals were also carted away," he said.

## Buhari's failure caused dislike for Fulani by Nigerians