

Scores feared killed as gunmen attack Kogi communities

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SCORES of people were feared killed after gunmen on Sunday invaded communities in Oganenigu Ward of Dekina Local Government Area (LGA) of Kogi State.

Authorities suspect that the assailants were herdsmen.

Sources say the invaders stormed the communities shooting sporadically and burning hundreds of houses in the early morning raid.

A chieftain of the All Progressives Congress (APC) and the Oganenigu Ward chairman, James Adah, was

among those killed in the attack.

Many residents were said to have fled the communities in the wake of the assault, even as it remained unclear the reason behind the attack.

Though the police command in the state was yet to issue any official statement on the development as of the time of filing in this report, the government has reacted to the incident.

In a statement on Monday, Governor Yahaya Bello called for calm over the attacks, describing the "vile and satanic attack as a calculated

assault on the peace-loving people of Oganenigu who have enjoyed relative peace and security for years."

Governor Bello said his administration would continue to phase out 'crisis entrepreneurs' from the state and ensure that those involved would be brought to book under the laws.

The Kogi State governor said his administration was committed to using resources to hunt down criminals and make them pay for their crimes.

Governor Bello described the development in Dekina as shocking, just as he as-

sured that his administration would commit every available resource to hunt down the criminal actors and make them pay.

The governor commiserated with the people in Oganenigu, particularly the family of the slain Oganenigu APC ward chairman, Honourable James Adah, and others affected by attack, just as he urged the people to remain calm.

He, however, advised the people not to take the law into their own hands as security agencies have been mobilised and deployed in the troubled areas to restore normalcy.