

Benue gov vows to ensure arrest of perpetrators of Christmas day attack

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BENUE State Governor, Rev Fr. Hyacinth Alia on Friday expressed sadness over the Christmas day killing in Kwande Local Government Area of the state.

Alia, in a statement issued by his Chief Press Secretary, Kula Tersoo which was made available to newsmen in Makurdi described the attack on the innocent people as 'unprovoked.'

Suspected armed herders invaded some communities in Kwande LG on Christmas day and killed 11 people with several others sustained varied degrees of injuries.

The governor expressed worry that such a heinous act has continued in the state despite the efforts of his administration to ensure the safety of his people.

He promised his gov-

ernment's determination to continue to use lawful procedures to protect the people of the state.

Alia called on security personnel to improve their surveillance and also ensure that vulnerable communities are not left unguarded.

According to him, "I can assure you, the perpetrators of this act will pay dearly for it. They may think they are not known, but they cannot be allowed to continue perpetrating this. It's a matter of time".

The governor condoled with the families that have lost loved ones in the attack and also sympathized with those injured, saying, 'his thoughts of comfort and prayers are with them at this difficult time'.

The governor promised to ensure that the perpetrators are apprehended to face the full wrath of the law.