

## Gunmen kill two policemen, 18 others in Plateau

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives, Mr. Aminu Tambuwal**

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No fewer than 20 persons, among them two policemen, were killed when gunmen suspected to be Fulani herdsmen attacked two villages in Bokkos Local Government Area of Plateau State.

This came as the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Aminu Tambuwal, called for a truce in the raging clashes in the state.

The gunmen, who invaded Mangor and Matol in Bokkos in the early hours of Thursday, allegedly killed and burnt houses when many of the villagers were asleep.

Our correspondent gathered that the attack on the communities lasted for over two hours before Special Task Force operatives arrived at the scene.

The two police officers allegedly died during a gun duel between the invaders and the STF operatives.

A source said some of the herdsmen in the communities collaborated with the attackers suspected to be mercenaries from Niger Republic and Chad to perpetuate the act.

However, in a reprisal, the residents were said to have attacked the Fulani settlements in the town, near the abandoned Bokkos Fertilizer Plant.

The attack paralysed business activities in Bokkos as the weekly Thursday market, where Irish potatoes and maize are sold, was deserted.

Spokesman for the STF, Lt. Jude Akpa, who confirmed the development, said two policemen attached to the command lost their lives in the attack. He also confirmed the killing of six of the attackers.

Meanwhile, the Speaker said the House would welcome any solution, including granting amnesty to terror sects in order to end the insurgency in the country.

Tambuwal was in Jos on Thursday to commiserate with the member representing Barakin Ladi/Riyom, Mr. Simon Mwakdon, who lost his son.

He said, "All of us are saddened by what is happening in Plateau State. As we were coming into the state, we were wondering what has become of a state once described as home of peace and tourism. However we are not resting as we are working towards restoring peace to the state.

"All we plead is that every body should give peace a chance and work with security agencies in the state so that we will have peace

"I have said it before that we welcome any suggestion that will restore peace to the country and we will not rest until we achieve that.

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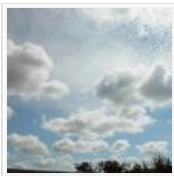
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While the fulani immigrants are wiping their hosts away from the surface of the earth, the host are waiting for messiah from Abuja. Its about time these guys adopt physical approach, forces against forces, man to man otherwise they will soon be condemned to history.

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It is unbelievable and beyond imagination that Hausa Fulani who are supposed to be slaves and immigrants are taking over in Plateau State without any resistance. These middle belt people have refused to create their own identity, they have refused to learn from history, their so called leaders have sold them to PDP and Hausa Fulani for I kobo as worthless human beings and are being slaughtered on daily basis on their own land, their governor, Senators, Chief, etc are helpless. If Fulanis have access to gun, does it means the Plateau people have no access to gun?. If Muslim Jihadist from Chad and Niger are being engaged to wipe you out, is that not an indication that the government security system have been compromised because how do they come into Nigeria unchecked without their Muslim brothers in the security agencies. Is it a crime for the Plateau people to go full blast self defense and have their leaders, rich and elite written formally to United Nations of their plight and their request that will enable them carry AK 47 riffle also like the Muslims to defend themselves against these aggressions and gradual extinction of their tribes. MY ADVISE: IF YOU ARE WAITING FOR HELP AND YOU FAILED TO DEFEND YOUR LIVES, LAND AND EXISTENCE, it will not be long when you shall be no more except those living outside that region, WAKE UP NOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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The truth is finally coming out, Fulanis are using Mercenaries from Niger and Chad to kill their fellow Nigerians. The FG has to petition the govts of Chad and Niger to call their mercenaries to order. So now that we know the fighters are foreign, do you mean our military cannot defeat fighters from Chad and Niger, we are in trouble. Nigerians have to take their security into their own hands, I see chaos and anarchy in the land. vigilantes. Otherwise more innocent lives will be lost. How can local citizens heavily armed warriors from Chad without arms. This is not fair, arm the army should use helicopters and the army to fight the invaders.

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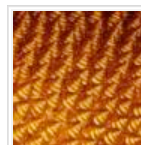
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