

Herdsmen kill ECWA pastor, dismember body

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A clergyman of the Evangelical Church of West Africa, Reverend Zakariya, has been killed by attackers suspected to be herdsmen in Nasarawa State.

Three of the killed pastor's children are said to be in the university.

Zakariya was murdered on Thursday on his farm by yet-to-be-identified assailants in Obi Local Government Area of the state.

According to a Twitter user, @uncanny_sam, who announced the death of the clergyman, Zakariya will be buried on Tuesday.

"My late uncle, Rev. Zakariya was killed Thursday by herdsmen in Obi LGA of Nasarawa State.

They attacked him on his farm, cut off his arms and legs; then they chopped his head with machete. I received a call on Thursday evening that my uncle, a pastor with ECWA was killed by Fulani herdsmen.”

The nephew of the murdered pastor in a series of tweets called on the Federal Government and Nasarawa State Governor, Tanko Al-Makura, to find the killers of his uncle.

“All I want is justice to be done. Nasarawa State and the Federal Government must find the killers of my uncle. Whoever is close to Governor Al-Makura of Nasarawa State should please inform him that we demand the perpetrators should be brought to book.

“We have become preys that are hunted by marauding beasts in our land. I will keep shouting till justice is done. For how long will we suffer? He has left a very young family; three of his children are currently in the university. No one is saying anything about the clandestine killings by Fulani herdsmen happening almost every day,” he said.

Late Zakariya’s nephew lamented that relevant security agencies were not doing enough to protect innocent citizens from violent attacks by suspected herdsmen.

“No one is saying anything about it, clandestine killing by Fulani herdsmen happens almost every day. Does a life of a Nigerian mean anything to our government? If yes, then Rev. Zakariya deserves justice. Why are we so insecure in our land? When will we be free from the shackles of insecurity?

“The death of Rev. Zakariya must not be in vain. This barbaric and despicable act must stop. I plead with everyone that has re-tweeted and quoted my tweets to please help me demand for justice for Zakariya; his death must not be in vain. Isn’t life sacrosanct anymore?” he stated.

The nephew stated that herdsmen in the state usually kill people for no reason, adding that killing has become a hobby for herdsmen in the state.

“The biggest question is: who will defend us from these marauding beasts? This carnage must be stopped. Your government (Al-Makura) vows to secure our land but we have never been this insecure. Security is one of your cardinal objectives but the security in our land today is unprecedented,” Zakariya’s nephew said on Twitter.

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