

email software

Send group email, email, newsletter and email marketing campaigns, Go to mobileemailmarketing.us



NEWS

Herdsmen attack Niger, kill inspector, NSCDC official, seven others

January 16, 2017

Share

Tweet

Enyioha Opara, Minna

Fulani herdsmen on Saturday night attacked Rafin Gona and Gbagyi villages in Bosso Local Government Area of Niger State and killed at least nine people including a police Inspector and an Assistant Superintendent Officer of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps.

The bodies of the police inspector and that of the NSCDC official and seven other villagers were recovered on Sunday while farmlands, houses, vehicles and other belongings worth N700m were destroyed by the Fulani herdsmen.



The Chairman of Bosso Local Government Area, Alhaji Isah Wakili, who confirmed the incident, said about 6,000 villagers were displaced following the midnight attack.

Wakili told newsmen shortly after conducting members representing the area in the National Assembly, Senator David Umaru and Salihu Shandafi of the House of Representatives, round the affected villages. He said the invaders, after killing the villagers, set their farm produce on fire.

He said the killed Inspector and the NSCDC official were on a rescue mission when they were killed by the Fulani attackers.

The council chief said, "I can tell you that almost all the houses in the villages including yam and corn barns were completely burnt in the attack. We put the estimate of all destroyed property at over N700m."

However, he said while all the displaced 3,000 Gbagyi villagers and about 2,000 Rafin Gona people were taking refuge in neighbouring Gbagyi communities, the 1,000 displaced Fulani herdsmen were being kept at the IDP camp located inside a private farm belonging to a former head of state, Gen. Abdulsalami Abubakar (retd.).

Senator David Umaru, representing Niger East Senatorial District at the Senate, described the attack as barbaric and inhuman.

He said, "What I have seen is heart-breaking, it is an act of wickedness and complete disregard for human life. This is a very serious problem as a lot of people have been displaced. Most of them have fled from their houses and even if they were here, they would not have anywhere to stay because their houses had been burnt including their clothes and food barns. This kind of situation is not acceptable."

Umaru stressed the need for the government to take a decisive action to stop the recurrence of such an attack, adding that government should urgently provided relief materials for the victims to prevent humanitarian crisis in the affected villages.

He sympathised with the villagers and urged them to continue to maintain peace, assuring them that he was going to take up the matter at the Senate with the aim of finding a lasting solution to the problem of herdsmen/ farmers clash in the senatorial zone.

The lawmaker said, “The Senate has set up a committee on this Fulani herdsmen and communal clashes and I will liaise with the committee to also look into this problem in my constituency.”

Confirming the incident, the Niger State Police Command’s Public Relations Officer, DSP Bala Elkana, said the corpses had been recovered, adding that security operatives were combing the bush around the area “because the incident just happened and there could be more casualties.”

He explained that the situation had been brought under control following a quick intervention by the state police commissioner, who he said, hurriedly deployed a reinforcement team in the affected villages.

Elkana also said Fulani and Gbagyi elders had been mobilised to organise meeting with their respective people in order to forestall the possibility of a backlash as well as finding a lasting solution to such incident in future.



[Home](#) [News](#) [Sports](#) [Metro Plus](#) [Politics](#) [Business](#) [Entertainment](#) [Opinion](#) [Edit](#)

All rights reserved. This material, and other digital content on this website, may not be reproduced, published, broadcast, rewritten or redistributed in whole or in part without prior express written permission from PUNCH.

Contact: editor@punchng.com

[Men: Forget Viagra, This New Natural Solution is 10x Better with no side-effects. Click here to discover it.](#)