

Pastor, 50 others die in fresh Adamawa attack

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Over fifty persons including a pastor belonging to the Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria were on Thursday night killed in attacks carried out by suspected Fulani herdsmen.

The attackers, who targeted the villages of Gon, Nzumosu Bolki, Nyanga, Bukuto in the Numan Local Government Areas of the state, reportedly numbered over 200.

The attacks, which began in the evening, went on unimpeded as residents claimed the invaders allegedly planned and launched the attacks from Abbare, a neighbouring community in Taraba State.

The assailants were said to have burnt down three of the villages during the attack.

A resident of Bolki, James Nzonzo, said a boat conveying

about 40 women and children fleeing the community capsized during the attack, adding that only five of the occupants survived.

The lawmaker representing Numan in the Adamawa State House of Assembly, Sodom Tayedi, while decrying

incessant attacks by suspected herdsmen on the community, berated the fresh killings, describing it as offensive.

She expressed anger following the perceived reluctance of the military to contain insecurity, which had gone on in her

constituency over the last three years.

The police in Adamawa State could not be reached for comments as calls put through to the acting Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Musa Habibu, were not answered.

Eight perish in Nasarawa communal clash

Umar Muhammed, Lafia

About eight people have been reportedly killed while scores others were left injured during a fresh ethnic crisis between Bassa and Egbira indigenes in which several houses were also burnt.

The incident took place in Shafa Abakpa village under the Toto Local Government Area of Nasarawa State.

According to findings by *Saturday PUNCH*, the crisis,

which started at about 4am on Thursday, also resulted in the killing of one military personnel.

It was gathered that the entire area had been deserted following the deployment of military personnel.

The Nasarawa State Police Public Relation sOfficer, Idrisu Kennedy, who confirmed the incident during an interview with *Saturday PUNCH*, said only six people lost their lives during the violence while several others sustained varying degrees of injury.

Kennedy explained that the command had received the reports of the clashes between Bassa and Egbira communities, saying that, "The command had already drafted personnel to Toto because of the recent apprehension in the area."

Meanwhile, the Nasarawa State Government on Friday said it had concluded arrangement to fly some victims of the Lafia gas explosion to South Africa for further treatment.

Governor Umaru Al-Makura stated this when the Chief Medical Director of