

Herdsmen kill two, planning another attack — Benue gov

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Benue State Governor, Samuel Ortom, on Friday raised the alarm that Fulani

herdsmen had threatened to unleash fresh terror attacks in the region.

In a statement issued by his Chief Press Secretary, Terver Akase, Ortom said the herdsmen had sent a message to the people of Mbagwen

community in Guma Local Government Area that they were coming.

The governor's alarm follows the recent attack on Tse Ado village also in Guma, where herdsmen killed two people in their farm.

with schoolchildren

the impact of the situation on the learning environment.

Modibbo said over 500 IDPs had permanently taken over three classrooms in the school, while some partly occupied other classes with their belongings. He said, "The remaining classes are now crowded beyond their capacity, causing pupils to learn under conditions that grossly

fall beyond the basic standard.

"We currently have over 500 IDPs in this school. The number was much higher, but some got accommodation in town and left.

"The result of all these is that the classes are terribly overcrowded, with some classes having more than twice their usual capacity."

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Muhammad on the stomach.

"As a result, he sustained fatal injuries and was rushed to the Primary Health Care Centre, Bununu, and later referred to the Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University Teaching Hospital, Bauchi, but died while on admission."

Abubakar, who is a Deputy Superintendent of Police, said that following an intelligence

report received by the command on the activities of a notorious armed robbery syndicate that had been terrorising innocent members of the public, on September 24, 2018 at about 6pm, the police arrested six suspects, including three teenagers, in connection with a series of armed robbery cases in Bauchi metropolis.

Ortom said, "Herdsmen have sent a message to the people of Mbagwen community in Guma Local Government Area that they will attack in a matter of days. This was confirmed by the Council Chairman of Guma.

"Two days ago, herdsmen drove the people of Tse-Ado and the surrounding villages out of their homes after they killed two farmers at Angela community.

"The herdsmen had occupied communities in parts of Guma and Logo, after chasing away members of those communities and killing many.

"The threats are coming on the heels of the return of some internally displaced persons from the camps to their homes.

"The question is: Why are the attacks resuming at a time the harvest season is here? We suspect that the planned invasion is targeted at preventing the people from harvesting the few crops they were able to cultivate amidst the mindless attacks which took place earlier in the year."

While drawing the attention of the Force Commander of Operation Whirl Stroke, Maj. Gen. Adeyemi Yekini, to the threat, the governor through his spokesperson called on him (Yekini) not to take the latest threat lightly.

nutrition in Kano — Governor

traditional rulers to join the campaign against the "ubiquitous menace" currently ravaging the state.

He said, "Locally, we have the required food to address the issue, we only need to sensitise our people, especially those in the rural areas, on how to use the

available crops and legumes to achieve balanced diet.

"Nigeria is in the forefront of countries in the world facing the challenge of malnutrition and Kano should account for a good number of affected children."