

Many feared dead as herdsmen invade Adamawa village

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Many residents of Shuwa-Kalaa village in the Hong Local Government Area of Adamawa State have been feared dead following an attack on the community by suspected herdsmen.

A resident and eyewitness, Emmanuel Nicholas, told our correspondent on Saturday that heavily armed herdsmen invaded their village, shooting indiscriminately.

He said many residents fled their homes after sighting the herdsmen while some were unlucky to escape the gunfire.

Another resident, Sani Ahmed, said since the

commencement of the harvest season, herdsmen had been terrorising the area.

He said, "This morning (Saturday), they (herdsmen) attacked and robbed a man who went to the farm to bring home his harvest. He returned and had barely informed the community of what happened when we saw

the armed herdsmen coming from all areas.

"Our local vigilante men quickly mobilised and put up resistance and were able to repel them. But there were casualties on both sides. I cannot ascertain the number of dead persons."

Ahmed said the military had also intervened in chasing

away the herdsmen from the community.

The Adamawa Police Command spokesperson, DSP Suleiman Nguroje, however, could not confirm the incident, saying he needed time to get the report from the Divisional Police Officer in charge of the Hong Local Government Area.

that our consequent studies must be based on the need to attain some level of understanding on how to implement, on how to get things done. And once you are able to get this done, I am sure substantial difference would be made," Buhari said.

In his welcome address, the NIPSS Director-General, Prof Habu Galadima, commended the President as well as the Vice-President for giving the institute the desired attention.

Are, friends, families honour Olowude at 80

ADEMOLA BABALOLA

The Chairman, Kakanfo Inn and Conference Centre, Dr Lalekan Are, was among other dignitaries that graced the 80 years thanksgiving service and luncheon in honour of a former Deputy Director of the

Africa Project Management Division, International Fund for Agricultural Development, Dr Adebisi Olowude.

Olowude clocked 80 on November 11.

Are, who chaired the occasion, described the host as a "young old man, loyal friend, upright and

blessing to humanity."

"He is a very determined achiever, very generous to a fault. One of the best agriculturists in Africa," he added.

Are said when Olowude was in Rome, Italy, working as a Project Controller in the Africa Division of IFAD, an agency of the United

Nations, he displayed exemplary performance and rose through the ranks to become a deputy director.

"He brought a lot of reforms and initiatives to help countries and individuals be the best they could be in their fields," he said.

The host thanked Are, family, friends and associates for celebrating him on his 80th birthday.

Three arrested as Hausa protest over installation of Seriki Ife

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