

Gunmen kill eight in Southern Kaduna fresh attacks

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Some gunmen suspected to be Fulani herdsmen have invaded three communities in the Kajuru Local Government Area of Kaduna State, killing no fewer than eight people and injuring scores of others.

Scores of natives were reported to have fled their homes into the bush and other neighbouring communities.

The fresh attack is coming barely 24 hours after a similar attack on Gonan-Rogo, also in Kajuru LGA, where 15 people were killed and five sustained injuries, according to the Kaduna State Police Command.

However, between Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning, the gunmen in large numbers again attacked Bakin-Kogi, Idanu and Makyali, all in the Adara communities.

According to the National President of the Southern Kaduna Peoples Union, Mr Jonathan Asake, in the renewed attack, houses in Bakin-Kogi were razed by the gunmen.

Asake told our correspondent on the telephone in Kaduna that the lockdown imposed by the state government to check the spread of COVID-19, gave the attackers the leeway to invade the Southern Kaduna communities.

The former member of the House of Representatives said, “In the night (Tuesday), there were distress calls that Doka community was under attack.

“Doka community is close to Gonan-Rogo community that was attacked on Monday/Tuesday by the Fulani militias. It’s about a kilometre away from Gonan-Rogo.

“This morning again (Wednesday), Makyali community which is about two kilometres from Doka, was under attack and up till now, there is still struggle in that area.

“There is a community called Bakin Kogi within the Adara community that was razed.”

Asked of the casualty figure, the SOKAPU boss said, “Actually, I have not been able to get to the place right now because it’s dangerous but from the reports that I have received for the Makyali attack, no fewer than seven people have been killed and many people are still missing.”

The Kaduna State Police Command had yet to confirm the fresh attack as its Public Relations Officer, Mohammed Jalige, could not be reached.

There was no response to a text message sent to his mobile phone on the incident.