

Terrorists, herders kill seven in Zamfara, five in Benue

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Suspected terrorists have killed seven people in some communities in the Gusau Local Government Area in Zamfara State.

A resident in the area, Malam Ibrahim Sani, said the terrorists who attacked the communities in large numbers and carted away animals and food items, invaded Kwan-doka, Gidan kada and Kaura-dawa communities searching for valuable items to steal.

According to Sani, the terrorists searched house

to house as they rustled domestic animals, including camels,

He explained that the seven people who lost their lives were killed while attempting to stop the terrorists from gaining access to their respective villages.

Sani added, "The victims wanted to stop the bandits from gaining access to their villages when they (terrorists) opened fire and killed them. They killed two people in Kwan-doka village, three in Gidan kada village and two in Kaura-dawa village.

"They have been stealing our animals, abducting and

killing our people and we have reported the issue to the relevant authorities several times but nothing has been done yet. Many of our people have since relocated to other places because of the persistent attacks by the terrorists.

"I have been trying to leave my village also but I don't know where to go because I have three wives and 15 children. I am calling on the state and federal governments to please come to our aid," Sani said.

The spokesperson for the state police command, SP Mohammed Shehu, could not be reached on phone.

Meanwhile, about five persons were reportedly killed by suspected herders on Friday in the Guma local government area of Benue State.

The incident, according to locals spoke on condition of anonymity, said the incident happened at about 1pm on Friday.

One of them said, "The ulani herders invaded Tse Alashi, Kaambe community in Guma at about 1pm today (Friday). They killed four people who were on their farm and also moved to an area where some people were moulding burnt bricks and killed two people."

The Chairman of the council, Caleb Aba, while confirming the report, said, "Some Fulani herders invaded a community called Tse Alashi and killed three people who were working on their farm. They also moved to a place where people were laying burnt bricks and killed two people."

The Security Adviser to the state governor, Lt. Col. Paul Hemba (retd) described the incident as an unprovoked attack.

The state police spokesperson, Catherine Anene, confirmed the attack, adding that she had yet to receive a report of the killing.

"We have information on the attack but I have not heard of any killing until the team drafted to the place arrives", Anene added.

Police parade suspected killers of sound engineer

Deji Lambo

The Lagos State Police Command has paraded six suspects linked to the death of David Sunday, the sound engineer who was allegedly lynched by suspected motorcyclists in the Lekki area of the state.

The Commissioner of Police, Abiodun Alabi, said the suspects killed David who was called to mediate in a crisis.

Alabi said the suspects would be charged to court.

"On May 12, 2022, around 6:30pm, at Studio 24, Lekki, Lagos, an Okada rider identified as Dahiru had a quarrel with his passengers, Frank Olatunji and Philip Balogun, over the bike fare.

"In the heat of the argument, Frank Olatunji and Philip Balogun invited one David Sunday to mediate only for Dahiru and his cohorts to violently attack, kill him, and set him ablaze.

"A total of six suspects – Dahiru Ayuba, Susan Moses, Christopher Dauda, Joseph Tella, Chigozie Anthony, and



Some paraded suspects

to the crime, and led policemen to arrest two of his buyers, Rasheed Ogunbade, 39, and Aladeokin Ahmad, 38.

Alabi added, "During interrogation, he confessed that he had sold many guns to his customers in Lagos and he led operatives to arrest two of his buyers, Rasheed Ogunbade, 39, and Aladeokin Ahmad, 38. Also, one locally-made shotgun bought from Joseph Ashiwobel was recovered. Investigation is still ongoing to apprehend other fleeing suspects to recover more of the guns he had sold to people in Lagos."