

27 herders killed in Nasarawa explosion, gov orders probe

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No fewer than 27 Fulani pastoralists have been reportedly killed after a bomb exploded, Tuesday night at the border linking Nasarawa and Benue States in Doma Local Government Area of Nasarawa state.

Police Public Relations Officer, Nasarawa State Command, DSP Ramhan Nansel, disclosed this to our correspondent in Lafia on Wednesday.

Nansel said the incident occurred in Rukubi community of Doma LGA on Tuesday.

He, however, said the state police command was working in collaboration with sister security agencies and the state government to unravel the circumstances that led to the bombing and arrest the perpetrators.

He said, “It is unfortunate that such a thing happened. Twenty-seven of the herdsmen were killed after a bomb exploded in Doma LGA. The police and other security agencies are working round the clock to understand what led to the attack and track down those involved in the act.”

Meanwhile, Nasarawa State Governor, Abdullahi Sule, had commented on the sad incident which led to the death of the Fulani pastoralists, vowing to ensure that those behind the killing are apprehended and made to face the law.

The governor urged all Fulani people across the state to remain calm, saying that the state government was liaising with the Benue State Government to proffer a lasting solution to the incessant attacks on the people along the Nasarawa/Benue borders.

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He added that security operatives have been deployed to curtail any further breakdown of law and order in the area.

Sule said, “On behalf of the state government, I want to sympathise with the Fulani people across the state over the killings of their people by an unknown bomber. I want to assure them of the state government’s commitment to unravelling the perpetrators

of the act to face the full wrath of the law.”

Speaking on the incident, the Chairman of Doma LGA, Ahmed Sarki-Usman, who condemned the attack, said, “It must be the activity of some bad elements in the area. The act is capable of causing unrest in the LGA but I particularly want to thank the Fulani people for being calm and allowing the government and security agencies to handle the issue. I assure them that we will get to the root of the matter.

The State Chairman, Miyetti Allah Kautal Horai, Ardo Dano, who spoke to our correspondent on the incident, expressed shock over the bombing that killed his kinsmen.

He appealed to the federal and state governments to come to their aid to arrest those involved in the act, calm the situation and restore normalcy in the area.

“The Fulani people are law-abiding citizens. We don’t like trouble, so let the government address the situation because we are pained losing our loved ones,” he added.