

General Assembly in Kaduna, yesterday.

# 20 killed as herdsmen invade another village in Plateau

FROM MARIAM  
ALESHINLOYE  
AGBOOLA, JOS

**G**unmen, suspected to be Fulani herdsmen, have again struck at Wase Local Government Area of Plateau State killing no fewer than 20 persons and setting many houses on fire.

This came barely 48 hours after two villages were attacked in Riyom Local Government Area leaving 30 people including

two policemen dead.

According to sources, the gunmen stormed Mavo village in Wase local government in the early hours of yesterday shooting at the inhabitants and killing some with the use of cutlasses.

A source, who spoke on telephone, said over 10 houses were razed by the attackers.

He said the gunmen stormed the village at about 2 am when many of the residents had gone to bed.

This development made

youths in the community to troop out to protest the killings but were forced to return to their homes by security operatives who insisted that such an action would lead to further bloodshed.

Constant clashes between the Taroh and the Fulanis had been witnessed in the last few months and they were believed to have been curbed with meetings organized by the security agencies in the state with the major stakeholders from the two camps.

When contacted, the in-

terim administrator of the local government area, Alhaji Zakari Haruna, confirmed the incident on phone but said normalcy had been restored to the community.

He declined to comment on number of persons killed but he confirmed that many houses were set on fire.

Also, Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Felicia Anslem, confirmed the attack but said she had not been fully briefed on the number of casualties.

Shake-up in Air Force: New AOCs others appointed