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6 killed, 39 houses razed as gunmen attack Adamawa community

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Yesterday was another day of tragedy in Adamawa State as unknown gunmen reportedly killed six persons and razed 39 houses in Masu village in Toungo Local Government Area. An impeccable source from Toungo disclosed that the attackers were suspected mercenaries hired by Fulani herdsman who had problems with the villagers who are predominantly farmers. "The attackers outrageously came into the town and attacked innocent persons. This problem started about three months ago when herdsman entered a local farm and the villagers called an army patrol team who arrested and subjected them to serious drill and beating."

"The development angered the Fulani community in the area who decided to call on all their members to boycott the cattle market in protest," Aliyu said.

The source further said that was the climax of the tension that led to gunmen attacking the village on Friday morning, leading to the killing of four villagers with many others injured and now receiving treatment at Toungo cottage hospital.

A resident who simply identified himself as Aliyu, said, two of the suspected attackers were killed by security agents while trying to escape bringing the death toll to six, "39 houses were also razed by the attackers," he said.

As at press time, efforts to get the police and army to comment on the incident proved abortive.

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