



## Gunmen strike again in Kaduna, kill 15

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**...Set over 20 houses ablaze**
*FROM NOAH EBIJE, KADUNA*

**No fewer than 15 people have been reported killed in Ambe-Madaki Village in Songa local government area of Kaduna State in a fresh attack by suspected Fulani herdsmen.**

The incident which was said to have occurred about 4:00am yesterday, happened barely one week after 10 people were killed in Tattaura village in the same locality allegedly by the herdsmen.

Although the spokesman of the Kaduna State Police Command, ASP Aminu Lawan did not pick his telephone for comments at the time of filling this report, a security source in Songa who said he was not authorised to speak to journalists confirmed the incident.

The security source said if the actual figure of the people that were killed was to be given, they could be more than 15, adding however that he was not in the position to confirm the actual casualty figure.

Also, the State Commissioner of Police, Shehu Umar did not pick his phone call to comment on the incident at the time of filling this report

However, a resident of the area, Mr. Yohanna Adamu who narrated how the incident took place in a telephone chat, said the herdsmen who were armed with sophisticated guns arrived the village and started shooting sporadically and setting houses ablaze in the process.

Adamu said many other people sustained injuries from gun shots while over 20 houses were set ablaze.

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He added that the incident sparked off mass protest by people of the various communities in the area who marched to Gwantu, the headquarters of Songa local government to register their displeasure over the attacks in spite of the peace agreement signed with the Fulanis never to attack again.

According to him, the protest almost turned a religious crisis, adding that the prompt intervention of the special military task force on security averted the situation.

“We are surprised that despite the agreement that our communities entered with the Fulanis not to attack each other, they have been attacking us.

“They came to our village at about 4:00am today (Friday), armed with sophisticated weapons and started shooting and burning houses.

“We have not compile the casualty figure yet because some people are still missing, but we have 15 corpses of people who were killed.

“This is the second time they are attacking us after we signed the agreement to live in peace. Last week, they attacked Tattaura village and killed 10 people.

“The people of the communities are very angry over these killings so they matched to Gwantu to protest, but the protest almost led to religious crisis. It was the intervention of the security personnel that saved the situation” Adamu said.

He further stated that because of the growing uncertainty over the security of the area, the villagers have started relocating to neighbouring villages for safety.

Adamu called on the authorities concerned to address the security situation in Sanga local government area before the situation gets out of hand.

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