

• Primate of all Nigeria Church of Anglican Communion, Most Rev. Nicholas Okoh, flanked by wife Mrs. Catherine Okoh, receiving gift from the Lagos State Commissioner of Police, Fatai Owoseni in Ikeja yesterday.

40 feared killed as herdsmen attack villages

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NO fewer than 40 persons were allegedly killed yesterday, after suspected Fulani herdsmen, sacked Gaambe-Tiev community in Logo Local Government Area of Benue State.

This latest crisis, according to residents, followed series of attacks by suspected Fulani herders on some communities in Logo in the last few days, a development which had forced villagers to flee their homes.

Speaking with our correspondent on phone yesterday, Chief Joseph Anawah, an a native of Logo, alleged that the herders who invaded

some villages in Gaambe-Tiev community between last Thursday And Saturday killed over 40 people while several others were injured, many houses and farm produce set ablaze.

The affected villages, according to Anawah, include Uwev-Gov, Indyer, Meeme, Tse Hwer, Agbu, Atongo, Akoodo, Tse Gbajur in Mbagber, Ukumber-agya/Iswarev and Mbayuur wards respectively in the Local Government Area.

Anawah who noted that some Tiv farmers, were still missing at the time of filing this report, said, the affected villages had been deserted by resident for fear

of the herders.

Chief Anawah, said trouble started two weeks ago, after the decomposed body of Mr Uhembe Iyorde, who was allegedly killed by Fulani herdsmen was recovered by the Gaambe-tiev civilian Joint Task Force and brought to Anyiin Police station.

"Mr Uhembe Iyorde whose cassava was consumed by Fulani cows met his death when he went to complain to them (Fulani) about the damage of his farm produce by Fulani cattle."

But in a swift reaction, the Fulanis, through the state Coordinator of Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association,

Garus Gololo debunked the killing of any Benue farmer in the recent farmer/herders crisis in Logo.

Gololo in a telephone chat with our correspondent, confirmed that there was crisis between the Fulanis and the Gaambe-Tiev communities in Logo but insisted that no life was lost in the fracas as soldiers and Mobile Policemen were drafted to the area to maintain peace, law and order.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), ASP Moses Yamu, said he was yet to be briefed on the matter and promised to inform our correspondent as soon as he gets information from the area.

Suspected killers of APC leader. 19 others nabbed