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THE condition of some Fulani families, who are victims of a recent clash between the herders and members of the vigilance group in Kidandan, Giwa Local Government Area of Kaduna State, is deteriorating. Mostly women and children, they are displaced, having relocated to Yadi from their previous abode in Sabon Sari, Sabon-Layi,

Yadi and Madaro villages.

But even in their new but temporary home, there are no guarantees. A cross section of them confessed that they are afraid for their safety adding that they are concerned soon they would no longer be welcomed in the community where they

Attacks: Distressed Fulani families cry out for help in Kaduna

are squatting.

Malama Hussaina Gambo, a widow and mother of 10, alleged that members of the vigilance group killed her husband and carted away their cattle: "The killers drove me away along with my 10 children. Where will I take these children to?"

Malam Hadiza Gidado, yet another victim narrated: "They confiscated our property including 120 cattle as

well as burnt our houses.

Presently, we are here in this village, sleeping in the open. We have no food to eat, no cloth to wear and worst of all, no peace of mind.

We have lost everything to these attacks. Ibrahim Mustafa, 15, told his story: "They killed my father, who was already an old man.

They killed him alongside his brother.

And they took away our cattle, including sheep and goats. We ran away when we discovered they were coming. We are not criminals, we committed no offence, we don't deserve this treatment." He disclosed his late father had more than 20 young children from his four wives. He feared they may never be able to survive on their own.

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