

Over 60 people killed in herdsmen attacks on Taraba communities

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OVER 60 persons were reportedly killed and thousands displaced and several villages burnt to the ground in a spate of attacks on communities in Ussa, parts of Takum, and Yangtu special development areas of Taraba State.

Mr. Habila Timothy Anderifun, the member representing Ussa state constituency in the House of Assembly disclosed this on Saturday while addressing a press con-

ference on the disturbing development in the area.

Anderifun who said that the attacks by suspected herdsmen had continued unabated in the last two months, wondered why the terrorists had continued to operate unchallenged in the same area where they killed about six military officers in an ambush.

His words: "It is with pains in my heart and a deep sense of responsibility that I address you today over the unprovoked attacks and sustained killing of the people of Ussa in parts of Takum Local Gov-

ernment Area.

"For months now, the good people of Ussa who I represent in the state House of Assembly and their kits and kins in so many communities in Takum Local Government Area as well as Yangtu Special Development Area have come under coordinated and sustained attacks by suspected Fulani herdsmen (bandits) who have dislodged thousands of people from their ancestral communities and forced them into Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) camps.