

# Herdsmen kill four in Niger

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Asenator, representing Niger East Senatorial District at the National Assembly, Senator David Umaru has raised concern over government's poor attitude towards the incessant attacks on some communities in the state by suspected Fulani herdsmen.

He added that the situation should urgently be addressed before things would get out of hands.

Umaru, while addressing journalists in Minna, the Niger State capital, yesterday on the continuous attacks, which had claimed several lives and rendered many people homeless, warned that the government should act fast before the entire communities was wiped out.

His reaction followed the Christmas Eve attack on some communities in the senatorial district, including his ward, where three people were said to have been killed in the early morning invasion while several others sustained various degrees of injury.

The affected communities are Kaure, Ajatan and Kwaki, all in Shiroro Local Government Area of the state.

This latest attack came barely three weeks after some communities in the area, namely Baga, Allawa, Tunga-Sakai, Laye and Dnakau came under heavy attacks from over 50 armed bandits suspected to be Fulani herdsmen, who invaded the community.

According to him, no fewer than four people were killed in the attack with about 1,000 cattle and a number of sheep rustled away after holding the communities hostage for several hours.

He said: "The government, especially at the state level should wake up because the security of lives of the people is its exclusive responsibility."

A responsible government should not fold its arms and watch people being maimed or killed on a daily basis, while the people are left on their own.

"I have been following the development but I am very handicapped in the sense that the issue of security is in the hand of the state government.

This development has greatly impoverished the people because their cattle and farm produces are being stolen by the herdsmen.