




Herdsman's attack: 30 bodies recovered in Benue

 March 14, 2017

 Cephas Iorhemen


Categories

 ▾



842

 Followers
on Twitter for
@twitlut

 Twit-lut.com

Death toll in the invasion of communities in Benue State by suspected Fulani herdsmen has risen to more than 30. About 30 bodies, including those of the Secretary of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Buruku Local Government Area, Mr. Ter Ashirga, and a tax collector, whose name could not be ascertained at press time, have been recovered.

Also recovered were four bodies of fleeing refugees, who were, in the early hours of Sunday at Abuku, a crossing point on River Buruku, a tributary of River Benue, slaughtered and their remains dumped at the bank of the river.

The APC's scribe was murdered when the Fulani stormed his village at Mbagbaan, Tombo in Buruku. He was shot alongside some of his kinsmen. The entire village was razed down after some inhabitants had fled; leaving their farmlands at the mercy of the invaders, who allegedly subsequently brought in their cattle to eat up what was left.

Our correspondent, who was in the area, observed that over 3,000 houses were deserted with food items abandoned at the mercy of the invaders. Already, Gboko, the traditional headquarters of the Tiv nation, and Katsina-Ala, among other places, have been occupied by fleeing refugees, a development which prompted increase in costs of food items.

Governor Samuel Ortom, in company with members of the state security and executive council, visited the devastated communities in Buruku and Logo local government areas for an assessment of the security and humanitarian situation.

The governor condemned the killings and advised the people against taking laws into their hands to revenge the killings. He appealed to the Federal Government to come to the assistance of the state to end the crisis, as well as support the herdsmen establish ranches which he described as the panacea to ending the impasse.

Ortom, who said the crisis had overwhelmed the Tiv people, implored the people to always report any further attacks to security agencies for necessary action. A fleeing resident, Mnzughulga Jiki, told our correspondent that 10 people were killed yesterday while hordes of other people were missing in the bush.

 1,052 total views, 1,052 views today