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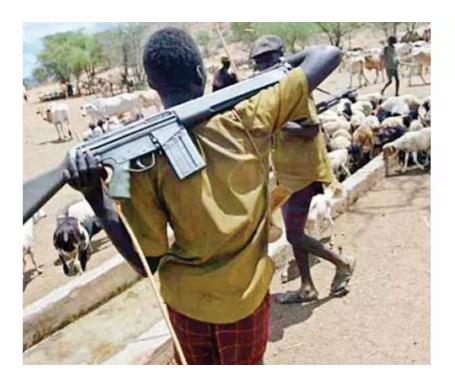
Herdsmen kill 13 in Nasarawa, Ber 25 villages



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· Female farmer attacked in Ondo

No fewer than 12 people have been killed while about 25 villages were sacked in a fre of attacks launched by bandits suspected to be Fulani herdsmen in Kadarko District, Local Government Area of Nasarawa State. Members of the Concerned Indigenous Ti of Kadarko, who disclosed this at a conference in Abuja, said the latest attacks which

January 30, were assuming a frightening dimension as the assailants were only going people of the Tiv ethnic stock.

This came as suspected armed Fulani at the weekend killed a prominent Igbo trader a in Logo Local Government Area of the Benue State. Also, a suspected Fulani man at t weekend attacked and injured a farmer, Mrs. Florence Godday, in her farm at Igbo Ab Osi in Akure North Local Government Area of Ondo State. Leader of the Concerned It Tiv People of Kadarko, Dr Benjamin Agbede, disclosed that apart from the 12 people over 30 others had been wounded and were receiving treatment in different hospitals

He disclosed that the breakdown of law and order had forced many of the people resi the troubled spots to flee to safer communities. Agbede regretted that despite the kil maiming and burning of people's homes by the herdsmen, there had been no appropresponse from the Nasarawa State government and the various security agencies deprotect lives and property. According to him, most of the communities attacked were occupied by the indigenous Tiv people who are mostly farmers. He gave the names of sacked communities as Azer, Tamen, Bature, Agbara, Peter Agbede, Nguchi, Igbacha, Gidan Sule and Ngur. Others are Nyam Adaga, Cha, Tseiyo, Ahima, Mori, Kpilaior, Ch Chia, Anisa, Dooga, Mbamar, Rest House, Anom, Cha Utsaha and Ikpe. Agbede, who flanked at the press conference by other leaders of Tiv community, alleged that the mattacks whereby the terrorists targeted one ethnic group, smacked of ethnic cleansin

He said: "We are deeply worried that the area is also inhabited by other ethnic natior like Alago, Eggon, Hausa, Igbo and others but it was only the Tiv people that were se target of the terrorists. This could be a plot to exterminate the indigenous Tiv people Nasarawa State.

"We are also bothered that though the police were quickly informed when the terrori launched their attack about 1a.m. on the 30th of January, 2018, there was no swift re from them." In the Benue attack, many people were injured while scores fled their ho

The victim, identified as Mr. Abushi, was murdered on Gbeji Road while returning from market when he ran into the invaders who opened fire at him and killed him instantly said the victim's body was recovered by mobile policemen during a routine operation Ayoo at Udu and deposited at the NKST Hospital morgue in Anyiin. A resident of the Chief Joseph Anawa, said thousands of armed Fulani mercenaries yesterday made free

incursion into seven council wards of Mbalagh in Makurdi Local Government Area su Taki, Anter, Nyijir and Tatyough as well as Ikyaior, Tse Ibume and Tse Keereke in Gur Government Area. The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Moses Yar not pick his calls at the time of filing this report.

Governor Samuel Ortom also at the weekend took a swipe at the Inspector General of Ibrahim Idris over his comments on the ongoing skirmishes between Fulani herdsme crop farmers in the state. In the Ondo State attack, the 28-year-old Florence said she working alone in her farm and was about to leave after the day's work when the herds struck.

The victim said she decided to fetch firewood after working on her cassava farm when noticed the suspect and decided to leave immediately. Florence added that she packe firewood together and planned to leave the farm because she was scared of the Fulan said: "I was about going home when I noticed the Fulani man in my farm. I was scare greeted him and he replied. I sought his assistance in putting the firewood on my heather obliged. But before I could thank him, he attacked me with his machete in the heat I could question him or know what was happening, he gagged me and tore my clothe

That was when I raised the alarm. He suspected the noise could attract other farmers he took to his heels, with his blood stained clothes." Florence explained that she mar get to the nearest community where she was offered another clothes. She added: "I w and weak to walk again because I have lost so much blood but they helped me to the hospital where I was treated. "I can't really explain the motive behind the attack by t man, maybe to kill me or to rape me but he removed my wrapper and clothes before I raise the alarm after."

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Mr. Femi Joseph, said the suspect harrested but granted bail while investigation had begun into the matter. Joseph disclethe man was a scavenger and met the woman in her farm and attempted to sexually a he injured her in the process.

He said: "The suspect is not a Fulani man but speaks Hausa; he is from Langtang in F State but not a Fulani herdsman as claimed by the people. He has been granted bail a to come back to the station today (Monday), while investigation is ongoing. He will b