

Seven killed, 32 houses burnt in Taraba community



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...bandits, again, kill 18 in Sokoto

Suspected militia yesterday attacked Rafin Kada, a Jukun town, in Wukari Local Government Area of Taraba State and killed about seven people.

This came as bandits killed 18 people in Sokoto State.

Rafin Kada, which is located on Takum-Wukari Road, came under attacks early in the morning.

It was learnt that the militia, who crossed from neighbouring Benue State and believed to be Tiv, killed seven people and set 32 houses ablaze.

Jukun and Tiv have had a long history of clashes which came to a head from 1990 to 1992.

The militia also attacked the vehicle of the Wukari Local Government Chairman, Mr. Adi Daniel, and another vehicle conveying some soldiers going to Rafin Kada, following distress calls sent to them.

Some Jukun youths from Wukari going to confront the attackers were reportedly ambushed by the suspected militia at a forest shortly before Rafin Kada and two of them were killed.

Rafin Kada is the third Jukun town to be attacked by suspected militia in one week and several people killed.

The Wukari Local Government Area Chairman, Daniel, told our correspondent on the telephone that the militia launched an attack on Rafin Kada early morning yesterday. He said over seven people were killed and about 32 houses were burnt by the attackers.