

Gunmen kill 3 persons, nine cows in Kogi

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o fewer than three Fulani herders, including nine cows, were confirmed killed in Egume in Dekina Local Government Area of Kogi State by unknown gunmen.

The Kogi State Police Command has confirmed the incidence.

The state Chairman Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association, Alhaji Wakili Yusuf Damina, who spoke through the state's Assistant Secretary of the association, Malam Ademu Abubakar, Saturday disclosed that on the 14 of this month, at about 8am, some gunmen heavily armed with sophisticated rifles, invaded Fulani community at Ofanwa Elubi in Egume, in Selina Local Government Area of Kogi State, opened fire on the inhabitants of the sleepy community, and killed three persons on the spot while about nine cows were also killed during the deadly attack.

He explained that many people were equally injured, during the attack, which lasted for several minutes, adding that this was another one, of the several attacks on his people.

"This was another attack on our innocent members who were gruesomely killed in their cold blood on the 14th May 2020. The repeated killings of our people and members in

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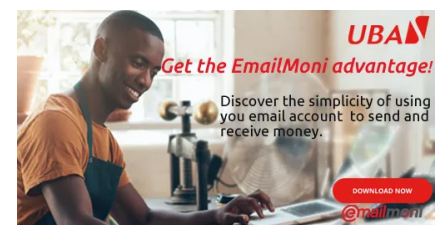
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“This time around they launch the attack at our camp and start shooting at them without any offence at all. Those killed during the attack included, Tine Idris, Fatu Idris and Abdulkareem Saleh,” he disclosed.

The Assistant Secretary pointed out that the attack was reported to the DPO at Egume Police Station for prompt action, and that the DPO quickly organised his men and took the corpses to the station before taking them to the hospital.

He also disclosed that during the last attack sometime on March 10, the Kogi State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Ede Ayuba visited the Fulani community where the incident happened and promised to apprehend the perpetrators of the heinous crime.

He therefore appealed to the state government to take decisive steps to check the ugly trend, stressing the need for the government to come to their aid, as the attack was becoming unbecoming.

Meanwhile, the spokesman of the Kogi State Police Command, William Ayah while confirming the attack said three persons and nine cows were killed during the invasion of the Fulani settlement.

He added that the Commissioner of Police has deployed fully armed men to the area to avoid further attack, stressing that the command is already hunting those behind the attack.

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