

Suspected Fulani Bandits Attack 2 Benue LGAs, Kill 9, Injure Many



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...Alia Condemns Attack, Killings, Seeks Arrest of Perpetrators

Suspected Fulani militants on Tuesday made an incursion in two local governments of Benue State, Logo and Gwer West local governments, killing nine people and injuring scores of others.

The attack which was in a guerrilla style, came barely a week after Governor Hyacinth Alia briefed President Bola Ahmed Tinubu on the enjoying relative peace from herdsmen's attack.

New Telegraph reports that in Logo Local Government Area, the insurgents attacked Ayilamo and Mahanga (Mobile Barracks) settlements, leaving several degrees of bullet wounds.

Five people including one: Ayeve Jôgunô (Mbavihi-Mbazar), Faiga Mwuese Apefan (a.k.a. Sixteen Sixteen) (Mbazar), Msendoo Tertese Ihyôôn-Iwendyer) and Orgbee Mnguerorga (Tse-Nyajo-Mbaiwem) were reported to have been killed, while three others including: Mrs. Meeme (Saghe-Nongov) and Mrs. Terpase Nyerga (Tse-Ihyôôn-Iwendyer), sustained serious injuries.

It was also learnt that four people in Nagi Camp in Mbachohon council ward of Gwer West Local Government Area whose whereabouts were unknown were killed. Those said to be missing include Joe Igba, Nyali Akula, Tarvihi Donald and Tyozenda Orkoh aka Shifting.

Meanwhile, Governor Alia has utterly condemned both unprovoked attacks 'by suspected armed herders'. He "frowned at the nefarious actions of the citizens in cold blood for reasons which are difficult to grasp and pin down."

He maintained that Benue is an agrarian society whose economy is largely based on producing and maintaining crops and farmlands, and their villages for a cause very unknown to us."

The Governor, in a statement by his Chief Press Secretary, Mr. Tersoo Kula, who lamented cases of alleged herdsmen attacks on Benue citizens, said he will not rest until such barbaric acts are curtailed.