

Herdsmen Dare Alia, Kill 20 More People in Benue Community



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Barely 48 hours after kidnappers struck in Kaduna and Borno States, abducting several hundreds of people, Hyacinth Alia of Benue State over the exit order given them to leave the state as they invaded the Wandoo community of Gwer-East Local Government Area, killing over 20 people in a guerilla attack. The gruesome attack and killings occurred barely two days after the expiration of two weeks ultimatum handed down to all armed herdsmen to exit the state by Governor Alia.

The militants were reported to have invaded the community about 7 pm and started shooting sporadically, resulting in several people being murdered. Mbalom community was where the armed herders in April 2018, murdered two Catholic Priests, following an early hour attack, St. Ignatius Quasi Parish, Ukpokwu was murdered and the church burnt down. They equally demanded the resignation of Governor Alia and the House of Representatives member representing Gwer East/Gwer West Federal Constituency. The state government, in a bloodshed, condemned the killings and also condoled with families of victims of the Wandoo massacre. Alia's spokesman, Tersoo Kula, assured that his "government will not sleep until the armed herders who perpetrated the heinous attack are brought to justice."

He said that what happened at Wandoo is a calculated attempt to test the resolve of his government over the