

50 Killed in Fresh Tiv-Fulani Herdsmen Clash

Over 50 persons have been reported killed and property worth millions of Naira destroyed by Fulani herdsmen in a renewed attack on Tiv communities in Guma Local Government Area of Benue State.

The crisis, which has taken a dangerous dimension, is also gradually creeping into Makurdi town with scores of refugees fleeing the crises area into the town.

THISDAY gathered that the areas hardest hit by the renewed attack include Tiv settlements at Dooga, Kpata, Lokobi Ajimaka, Ekeae, Giza, Yogbo and Mbagwern communities.

It was also gathered from an eyewitness, who fled the fighting with his wife and children from Kpata village, Mr. Tyopine Agar, that the number of the dead could exceed the figure, stressing that as many as over 350 persons are yet to be unaccounted for.

According to him, "many of our people were in the farms when the crisis erupted and up till now no one knows their whereabouts".

Agar alleged that the herdsmen who were assisted by the Abagos residing on the border of Benue

From George Okoh

in Makurdi

and Nasarawa States in Doma town laid siege on their villages, shooting and burning their houses and property.

Moved by the level of devastation in the communities, Speaker of the Benue House of Assembly, Hon. Dave Iorhamba, who paid an unscheduled visit to some of the refugees who were camped at the LGEA Primary School

Kadarko lamented the recurrent attack on the Tiv communities by the herdsmen.

Iorhamba, who urged the people to remain calm regretted the insensitivity of the Nasarawa State Government to the plight of the victims of the attack also called on the Benue and Nasarawa state governments to take decisive steps to check the carnage.

He also implored the two states to act on the recommendations of the peace committee set up by the states by releasing a white paper

on the findings of the panel set up last June to investigate the immediate and remote causes of the crisis.

He said: "Aside being the Speaker of the Benue State House of Assembly, the people affected in these skirmishes are my constituents and Tiv communities affected in Nasarawa State have contributed in no small measure to the socio-political development of the state and therefore deserve the protection of the state government."

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From Aisha Wakaso

in Minna

Kelechukwu Osinomumu.

He stated that during the raid of the fake orientation camp, 21 females and 13 males, were arrested.

According to Okon, those who fell victim to the fraud are victims of part-time programme of some universities who are aware of the National Universities Commission (NUC) regulations,

that part-time graduates of tertiary institutions are not allowed to participate in the NYSC.

The victims were made to part with varying amounts of money to the fraudsters with the hope to be integrated into the NYSC's scheme and in order to enable them possess the NYSC discharge Certificate.

"In the main, they made varying amount of payments ranging from N120,000.00 to N350,000.00 to the illegal NYSC Orientation camp operators. And already one of the masterminds