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#### *Fulani Herdsmen*

George Okoh in Makurdi

The perennial attack by Fulani herdsmen on Benue communities Friday reared its head again as two teenage girls were reportedly slaughtered and a third inflicted with life-threatening injuries by a group of armed men suspected to be Fulani herdsmen at Zongo village in Guma Local Government Area of Benue state.

The latest killing, which is generating lots of tension in Makurdi town, came few months after the resolution of the bloody conflict between Benue farmers and Fulani herdsmen, which claimed hundreds of innocent lives and property across five local government areas of the state.

It was gathered that the three girls, yesterday, left their homes in the North Bank area of Makurdi town, in search of firewood in the bush when the group of armed men allegedly waylaid and attacked them.

They were said to have inflicted machete cuts on the girls, killing two on the spot while the third later escaped after the attackers mistook her for dead.

According to a source, "the third girl, Jergba, who luckily escaped with her life, ran back to the village in a pool of blood and was instantly rushed

to a public hospital in Makurdi where she is currently receiving treatment after which the Police was alerted.”

When contacted, the Benue State Police spokesman, Superintendent, SP, Daniel Ezeala, confirmed the attack, stressing that the leader of the gang, one Adul Ibrahim, has been arrested by the Police.

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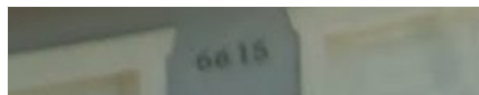
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