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By Taye Obateru & PETER DURU
SIXTY SIX lives were lost Monday in
separate incidents in Benue, Plateau and
Osun throwing several families into
mourning. No fewer than 45 persons are
feared dead in a renewed skirmish between
Fulani herdsmen and native Tiv community
in Gwer West local government area of
Benue State while 14 people were burnt to
death with 12 others seriously injured in an
auto-accident that occurred at Iwaraja
junction, near Ilesa, Osun state.

Also, 7 persons were crushed to death in another accident involving a trailer and a commercial Peugeot car along the Jos-Bukuru express highway.

Bloodbath in Benue

The bloodbath in Benue has left women and children seeking refuge in bushes and forests in the local government area.



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You can't even spell your name!

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An accident along Lagos Ibadan Express Way which claimed 2 lives. Photo; Bunmi Azeez

The President of Tyosin Youth Association, Engr. Joseph Mom who disclosed this yesterday while briefing journalists in Makurdi said the invaders stormed the area early Sunday morning killing people and burning down houses and properties in the area.

Mom said the Fulani herdsmen came from areas bordering the local government with the River Benue to carry out the attack on the affected communities of Tse-Ayande, Chille, Mma-Kpe, Tse-Gboku, Tse-Kpar and several other areas

He lamented that the where about of most inhabitants of affected communities are still unknown.

According to him, "They usually cross from the River with speed boat to carry out this premeditated attack. We have been hospitable to the Fulanis but they have continued to attack us on issues bothering on grazing areas".

He added,"They are usually heavily armed living us always on the defensive. May be they felt what happened last year was not enough so they have come back to continue from where they stopped", Mom lamented.

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The Youth president lambasted security agencies accusing them of not living up to expectation in checking Fulani incessant invasion of the area, contending that the herdsmen have continued with the actbof hostility without being arrested.

He therefore called on the Federal government to as a matter of urgency deploy a special security task force to protect and guarantee the safety of the people who now live in panic

Meanwhile, the State Police Public Relations' Officer ASP Ejike Alaribe confirmed in a telephone interview that the Police could confirm only 16 Deaths.

Alaribe intimated that security operatives have been deployed to the area to forestall further bloodbath.

7 crushed to death in Jos

In Jos, the driver of the trailer with registration number XA 847 was said to have lost control while answering a phone call, crossing to the other lane of the express road where it crashed into the Peugeot 504 car with registration number AH 762 KUJ believed to have taken off from Mangu.

The commercial vehicle was said to be dropping passengers when the trailer rammed into it and another car which had four occupants. One of those injured and rushed to hospital was a pregnant woman.

Angry youths said to have been angered by alleged lack of remorse of the driver torched

the trailer and it took the intervention of the police and other security agencies to bring the situation under control.

The bodies of those killed were later deposited at the Plateau Specialist Hospital where some of the injured were also taken for treatment by men of the Federal Safety Corps and the police.

14 die in Osun accident

The FRSC Sector Commander in Osun, Mr Sunday Maku, who confirmed the casualty figures in the accident that happened in the state said the victims, including two drivers, were burnt beyond recognition when two buses coming from opposite directions collided and caught fire.

He said one of the buses was coming from Akure and heading to Ibadan while the other was moving in the opposite direction.

"The two buses were a white Toyota Hiace Bus with registration number LG 27 GAR with the inscription, Akoko Edo Line, while the other was a Volkswagen wagon with white and orange colour and an unidentified registration number.

"Twelve adults, including eight males and four females who were seriously injured, were rushed to Wesley College Hospital in llesa for treatment," he said.

He blamed the incident, which occurred at about 12:10 p.m., on over speeding and dangerous overtaking.

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kiziking

Libyan people are proposing to their govt. the same thing that Gheddaffi proposed to Nigeria: divide or operate a true federalism. Any resources that go to Abuja is lost in the hands of criminals who think that Nigeria does not belong to anybody.

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kiziking

"The commercial vehicle was said to be dropping passengers when the trailer rammed into it and another car which had four occupants". If the driver of this car is still alive, he should be arrested. I was insulted last year when I stopt my car to warn a taxi driver not to alight passengers on the high way, but to find a safe corner where he can do that. The youths cannot attack the trailer alone, but also the taxi driver. Nigerians are used to taking the easiest cut which has always cost us alot. Everybody will like to be alighted in front of his house or store, without having the patient to walk some distance, so as to be alighted in a safety place. Again, the road safety in Nigeria is useless. How come that until now, there is nothing like standard roads signs and driving schools in Nigeria? They are serious collecting money for new car number, but the basic thing, regarding driving schools and roads signs have not done. Do we prosecute the trailer driver for overspeeding? What is the maximum speed rate on high way? No roadsafety man knows this. Thier interest is money. But this does not prevent us Nigerians from being

our brothers keeper by being prudent on the road. Nigerians on the road see car as bulldozers, unbreakable: everybody wants to be avoided. At the end, the result has always been disastrous as this. Let us learn from history.

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OzedZima

The Tivs that fought the Nigerian civil war as if they wanted to exterminate the Biafran race. Did you people in your entire life think the Fulanis & Hausas will turn against you. Gowon should be tried for genocide for killing 3 million Igbos. International Court of Justice Sarkozy of France please take note.

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Kayode

Let us continue our prayer for God to deliver us, the power making rituals of the so called leaders are asking for blood for renewal. Soon it will be the turn of their families abroad to share in it. Surely there will be no peace to these wicked leaders.

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John

May the good Lord Almighty bless and receive the souls of those who lost their lives in the accident (amen). And the federal government should enact a law that will guide the fulanis in the way they pasture their animals towards peoples' source of lively hood. They should be brought to order ples.

Omale John.

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Pete Abraham

NIGERIA IS A ZOO WHERE BOTH THE SO CALLED LEADERS AND CITIZENS LIVE IN A KIND OF JUNGLE MENTALITY SO,CHANGE AND VALUE FOR LIFE IS NOT INSIGHT SOON.

AS FOR THE FULANI/HAUSAS, ANIMALS DO NOT COHABIT WITH HUMANS SO, THEIR GOVERNMENTS SHOULD BUILD A RESERVE WHERE THESE ANIMALS IN HUMAN FORM CAN DWELL WITH THEIR COWS WHICH ALSO SERVE THEM AS WIVES! WHAT A DIRTY AND LOWEST GRADE OF HUMAN SPECIES!

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Osagie Abiodun

Take it or leave it, is either we divide in peace, or with force. This are the two options we are left with. But i pray it will not be under force.

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haruna_bello

have u ever see where a country divided in peace?

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in reply to Osagie Abiodun



kingsley1

Corruption is a cures we must be redeemed from in Nigeria.

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Akande Sunday Oluwabunmi

The accident that happening daily its hand of Obasanjo and his gang who refused to develop Nigeria road but God Almighty will surely make a pay back to them regarding this incident, the issues of Fulani lied on

Benue people who voted to Jonathan who cannot handle the issue of security imagine if ACN enter in Benue such rubbish will not repeat

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