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Kaduna villages attacks death toll hits 200

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Defying soldiers and policemen stationed in strategic Ninzom villages in Sanga Local Government Area, LGA, in southern Kaduna, allegedly besieged by Fulani militia, 40 more persons were killed between Thursday and Friday in the area, according to the National President of Ninzom Progressive Youths, NPY, Mr Bezard Wuyah.

About 160 people were said to have been killed by suspected Fulani fighters in the villages between Monday and Tuesday in coordinated attacks.

The latest alleged attacks brought the death toll to 200.

The Chairman, Sanga LGA, Mr. Emmanuel Adamu, confirmed the violence, but said he could not put a figure to it.

But, on Thursday, he said 110 bodies were given mass burial, after many other families took away the corpses of their loved ones for burial.

However, Kaduna State Police spokesman, DSP Aminu Lawan, denied that any other attack took place after Tuesday in the area.

Meanwhile, reports said virtually all Ninzom villages, including Gwantu, the LGA headquarters of Sanga, have been deserted as the natives fled to nearby towns and neighboring states.

Wuyah, who spoke to our Kaduna correspondent, yesterday, on phone said: “Right now, we have been touring some of the villages affected. Last night (Friday), Ambie, a village of about 5,000 people, was ransacked. We lost 30 people, and I am told that there are more corpses in the bushes.

“Paa, a village close to Gwantu, was attacked around 10 this morning (Saturday) till this afternoon. Ten people were killed. The town was also burnt down. The entire villages are now empty. I am now in Gwantu, with Kaduna State Commissioner of Water Resources, Mr. Audu Dogo. He can testify to what I am saying.”

When Sunday Vanguard put a call to Dogo, around 5pm, yesterday, he said: “We are now in the Gwantu Police Station, because they are now attacking one village, called Tarri. We are with the DPO. And he is mobilizing his people to go

there. The problem is that when there is an attack here, and the security men go, there will be another one somewhere. There is lack of personnel. But there is an attack on Tarri going on now.”

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