

akurdi various peace committees involving the two parties.

As if these killings arising from Fulani herdsmen versus farmers clashes are not enough, blood also flowed freely penultimate weekend when over 65 persons were killed during intra-communal crisis in Agatu.

Benue State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Hyacinth Dagala, explained that the villagers had over time been fighting over a fish pond located in the area.

Dagala, however, pointed out that the clash could have broken out as a result of alleged deep rooted suspicion by the Egba community that the Ologba people had organised last month's deadly Fulani invasion against them.

The increasing spate of killings in Agatu Local Government Area have left many tagging it as the killing fields in the North Central region of the country. So, with this development, the Agatus no longer feature in the news for their acclaimed prowess in fishing and trade, but for the self-destructive business of warfare.

Indeed, Agatu has become a theatre of war, a land under siege where blood flows freely, polluting the riverine communities that make up the area. Consequently, majority of the people now reside within and outside the local government area

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