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15 feared dead as Fulani herdsmen attack another Benue community

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MAKURDI – The incursion of suspected Fulani herdsmen into parts of Benue state took a worrisome dimension Thursday afternoon when the invaders stormed Tombo in Buruku local government area of the state, killing no fewer than 15 persons.

Vanguard learned that the marauders who razed part of the community also took over the deserted villages.

According to a source who spoke to Vanguard on phone from the besieged community, “as I speak with you the people are shooting sporadically and the villagers are fleeing for fear of being killed.

“The situation in Tombo at the moment is scary and we are helpless, it’s as if we are in a war situation where the mission of the invaders is to occupy and take over our villages.



“It’s a pathetic situation because corpses are littering the community though one cannot give a specific number of the dead which should not be less than 15 but I know that the casualty figure could be huge because many have been wounded as bullets continue to fly around.

“The people are also burning down houses, farms and food stuff as they move into the villages in what looked like a well coordinated attack.”

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer, PPRO, Assistant Superintendent, ASP, Moses Yamu who confirmed that seven persons had been killed said the incident occurred at about 3pm Thursday.

Yamu disclosed that the Commissioner of Police, Mr. Paul Yakadi had led a team to the crisis zone to ascertain the cause of the renewed clash in order to compel the feuding parties to cease hostilities..

Vanguard recalls that the attack on Buruku is coming on the heels of the recent attacks on Agatu and Logo lo local government areas of the state where hundreds of lives have been lost to the incursion of the herdsmen.



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