

11 dead as herdsmen go on rampage in Niger

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Minna—NO fewer than 11 persons have been confirmed death following a violent clash between suspected Fulani Herdsmen and Gbagyi communities in Niger State.



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The incident it was gathered happened during the Eid-El- Fitri celebration.

It was gathered four persons were killed in Lamba, Paikoro local government, while another seven were hacked down during another fiasco between the same ethnic people in Barakuta in Boss local government area of the state.

In Barakuta, besides the loss of lives, while several persons were injured, property worth millions of Naira including houses, vehicles and motorcycles were razed and many

others injured.

The immediate causes of the fracas in the two communities were not yet ascertained as at going to press.

However, governor Abubakar Sani Bello has vowed to bring mastermind and accomplices of the two clashes to book.

He spoke when he visited the Bosso Primary School, Bosso where the displaced women and children from Bara-Kuta were being temporarily sheltered.

Shocked by the wanton destruction of lives and properties including farm lands, the

governor said: “Nobody has the power or right to take the life of others. These senseless and unwarranted killings cannot and will not be condoned. You cannot just take machete and kill somebody because of disagreement. There are laws and nobody can claim to be above the law. Whatever maybe the grievances, people cannot take laws into their hands. I have instructed the chairmen of the affected councils, Commissioner of Police and my Special Adviser, Security to fish out the masterminds of the two clashes as well as their accomplices. I have also directed for comprehensive investigations into the incidences with a view to prosecuting and bringing to book the culprits. We are determined to bring an end to this barbaric act. The Police and other security agencies should ensure that we get to the root of these sad events, prosecute and punish those found culpable”.