

# ② Armed herdsmen attack home of NKST Church President, kill neighbours

By Peter Duru, Makurdi

The President and Head of the NKST, a Church of the Tiv people, also known as the Universal Reformed Christian Church, Rev. Dominic Anza has cried out saying armed Fulani herdsmen have attack his home and killed his neighbours in Turan, Kwande Local Government Area of Benue State.

Dr Anza who raised the alarm weekend lamented that the activities of the Church had also been crippled by the armed herders who had taken over parts of the LGA and making life unbearable for the people.

The Church President who was stunned by the development, said "it is so terrible, all the activities of the Church have been crippled. Everything is at a standstill because you cannot move freely. Our programmes cannot be held, our church and community members have been sacked from their homes and communities.

"The Fulani herdsmen come into our communities at

anytime bearing sophisticated weapons and attack our people killing innocent women, men and children, it is quite unfortunate.

"Only recently they invaded our communities and burnt down all the houses. They burnt my family house and sacked my relations; economic trees were not spared even our food barns and farmland were all razed and destroyed.

"What I cannot understand is why they are doing this. The people are peaceful and had no previous issues with them. We were lucky they did not kill

## ③ Bandits kill pastor's son, abduct 3 others in Kaduna village

By Ibrahim Hassan, Kaduna

Gunmen suspected to be bandits have killed the son of a village pastor and abducted his wife in Kaduna State.

Journalists were told on phone that the bandits attacked Karimbu-Kahugu Community in

anybody in my family but our neighbours have been killed and many other families have lost loved ones and these attacks are still continuing.

"As we speak my family members are displaced and scattered all over the place looking for where to hide. I cannot even visit my home because it will be too much of a risk to take but it is unfortunate that I cannot go to my village to see my people. I can only go to see them when there is assurance that there will be security for me to embark on the trip.

the Lere Local Government Area of Kaduna State on Friday morning.

"A Baptist resident pastor's son was killed. They also took away the wife and three others," a source said.

Although the spokesman of the Police in Kaduna could not be reached for comments,

"I must say that the state government under the leadership of Governor Samuel Ortom is doing its best but the Presidency must show commitment to help us put an end to these herders' incursions and killings in our communities.

"Though as a clergy I will not say that the Federal Government is doing nothing to protect the lives and properties of the people but if I must rate the Federal Government in that respect I will give them just 20 percent.

"The Federal Government should do more to maintain peace and protect the lives and property of all Nigerians."

Vice Chairman of Kahugu National Development Associations, Peter Mukaddas, said they were mourning the deceased.

According to him, the bandits moved straight to the pastor's house when they raided the community and committed the dastardly act