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Benue: Again, 7 killed in fresh herders' attack

armed herdsmen on communities of Yongia Ukambie Tiev and Ukembrergya/Tswarev in Logo Local Government Area, LGA, of Benue state.

The attackers were also said to have razed several houses in the communities and forced the locals to flee from their homes.

A community leader in one of the affected areas, Chief Joseph Anawa told newsmen that the armed herders stormed the communities in large numbers.

According to him, “the militia herdsmen came in droves of over 500. They came in the evening on Tuesday at about 4pm and the attack lasted till 8pm; and on Wednesday, they resumed again. They came purposely to attack our people and all of them were fully armed.

“The initial death we recorded was three and several others are still missing. They came purposely to attack our people and not to graze.

“The police were alerted and the military also came. In fact they were the ones that aided our youths to recover the corpses.”

Confirming the development, the Chairman of Logo LGA, Rev. Jonathan Adagbe said seven deaths were recorded in the attacks.

He said, “It happened Tuesday and Wednesday with about seven casualties. On Tuesday, two were killed and Wednesday evening, five killed in Yongia Ukambie Tiev, Ukembrergya/Tswarev ward.

It was carried by the Fulani herdsmen.

“Even when I went there, they were still grazing on the other side of the road, claiming that it was Taraba state. No one could just approach them.

“I am presently in Makurdi and I have reported the matter to the Special Adviser on Internal Security, the Special Adviser Bureau for Local Government as well as the Permanent Secretary Bureau of Internal Affairs.”

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