

MUSLIMS STRIKE AGAIN, KILL CHRISTIANS IN KADUNA AND PLATEAU STATES

Over ten Christian faithful have been murdered by Fulani-Muslims in Kaduna and Plateau States Northern Nigeria and many houses burnt to ashes. One of the victims, was a Christian woman, a mother of six and a primary school teacher in Kauru Local Government Area the affected community.

In the Kaduna State, attack occurred on Saturday night in Kizachi village of Kauru local government, which shares boundary with Riyom local government area of Plateau State.

A reliable source Mr. Yohanna Dauda told CHAIN, "I can confirm to you that there was crisis here at about 8pm yesterday (Saturday). Fulani herdsmen attacked our community and killed about five persons including a woman who was a teacher with our primary school, and about five houses were burnt to ashes. There used to be Police guarding this area, but they left on Friday because of the inability of the local government to cater for their basic needs. You know we share boundary with Plateau state and you know the tension involving Fulani in the rural areas and host communities in Plateau. Recently one of our traditional rulers got killed in a similar attack."

A local media in Nigeria stated that there was a peaceful demonstration in Damakasuwa community of Kauru local government by angry youths over the killings and the level of insecurity and insensitivity of the local government chairman. Mr. Paul Wani the local government chairman debunked the accusations saying it was false and mischievous, "Security has always been there and up till now they are there and the situation is calm, and under control. Who doesn't know that the Vice President was here in the state on Friday? I have been here with the Area Commander and the DPO so what are they saying of negligence? We have been working following and searching traces in the bush. When they attacked the area they immediately ran into the bush we are making progress you know people will always want to attach politics with issues".

In Plateau State three persons were feared death on Sunday night when about 200 bandits armed with automatic weapons, machetes, spears, bows and arrows attacked Ganawuri community, near Jos in Riyom Local Government Area of Plateau State.

Spokesperson of the Special Task Force (STF), Lt. Col. Kingsley Umoh, stated that the attackers were suspected herdsmen from neighbouring communities in

Kaura local government area of Kaduna State.

The STF urged the communities to remain calm and not take the law into their hands, pending further investigations into the incident.

According to Umoh, the troops of the STF received a distress alert which they responded to swiftly, and engaged in a fire fight with the bandits. At the end, about 140 cows were recovered, one of the bandits received gunshot wounds and six persons including a woman were arrested.

However, those arrested have since been handed over to the Criminal Investigations Department (CID) of the state police command for further investigations.

The STF reassured the residents of Jos and its environs of its commitment to the security of life and property, adding that residents should report suspicious persons or activities to the STF through any of the widely circulated distress lines.
