



Weekly Report

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Scores killed in raids on Central Nigeria villages

- At least 100 people were killed in raids by Fulani herdsmen in three villages in Kaduna State on Friday, March 14. The police confirmed the raids but declined to give a death toll.
- Dozens of people were killed in similar attacks in neighbouring Katsina State last week, adding to the hundreds killed in the past year in clashes between largely Muslim cattle herders and mostly Christian farmers.
- Source: Genocide Watch

<http://genocidewatch.net/2014/03/18/scores-killed-in-raids-on-central-nigeria-villages/>

“Rights groups have documented the disappearance and death of many [innocent] young men, never formally charged, inside the Giwa Barracks, describing torture, starvation and mistreatment.”

Suspected Islamists kill 20 in market bomb in northeast Nigeria

- Suspected Islamist militants detonated a bomb in a crowded marketplace in northeastern Nigeria killing at least 20 people on Saturday, March 22.
- Nigerian officials said the attack in the town of Bama in Borno state was likely committed by the al-Qaeda linked militant group Boko Haram, which is fighting to establish an Islamic state in northeast Nigeria.
- Source: Reuters

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/03/23/us-nigeria-violence-idUSBREA2M0D220140323>

Nigerian Army facing questions as death toll soars after prison attack

- Well over 500 people were killed in Nigeria last week when security forces responded to what the military portrayed as a jailbreak attempt by the Islamist group Boko Haram. A military plane fired on detainees fleeing through opened gates of Giwa Barracks, a military detention centre.
- Some officials asserted that the overwhelming majority of those killed were detainees imprisoned on flimsy or no charges, and not proven insurgents, as claimed by the military. The Nigerian military announced only that there was “heavy human casualty on the terrorists” who it said had attacked the prison.
- Source: New York Times

http://www.nytimes.com/2014/03/21/world/africa/nigerian-army-facing-questions-as-death-toll-soars-after-prison-attack.html?_r=0