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Abstract

The Fulani herdsmen and farmers' clashes in Nigeria, particularly in Iseyin Local Government Area of Oyo State, have caused significant disruptions. This study aims to investigate the Criminalities and Implications of Fulani Herdsmen and Farmers Clashes on Criminal Justices System in Nigeria. The population under study includes residents of Iseyin city, encompassing Fulani herdsmen, farmers, police officers, prison officials, and lawyers. A sample size of 400 respondents was determined using the Taro Yamale method. Questionnaires were the primary data collection tool, and Descriptive Statistical Analysis was employed, including percentages, frequency tables, and arithmetic mean calculations. Multiple regression analysis was used to test the study's hypotheses. The results indicate a significant relationship between Fulani herdsmen attacks and farmers' crises in Iseyin, leading to the rejection of hypothesis. Furthermore, there is a significant relationship between the level of awareness among Iseyin residents and Fulani herdsmen and farmers' clashes, rejecting hypothesis. However, there is no significant effect of Fulani herdsmen and farmers' clashes on the criminal justice system in Nigeria, as hypothesis was rejected. To mitigate Fulani herdsmen and farmers' clashes in Iseyin, improved communication through understanding different languages, awareness of climate change, and mutual accommodation could reduce conflicts and enhance farming experiences. The ongoing clashes have deterred Iseyin residents from farming due to safety concerns. The Oyo state government can enact by-laws to establish ranches, define grazing lands, and designate grazing routes. Civil actions against Fulani herdsmen can also be pursued to deter recurrent attacks.

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