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Land Disputes

In the North Central states of Nigeria, nearly all sedentary farmers are Christians. Fulani herders, meanwhile, are nomadic pastoralists who continually move southward in search of arable land for their livestock. Fulani militants are a violent group of Fulani herders willing to attack and kill Christian farmers for their land. Fulani militants are not representative of all Fulani people, some of whom are Christian and many of whom are peaceful.

Most Christians killed in Nigeria die in the North Central states at the hands of Fulani militants as part of centuries old conflicts. While this intercommunal conflict has existed for generations, modern weapons have made it far more deadly in recent decades. Land disputes and religious persecution are both factors in these killings.

The religious divide between the two groups, the incomplete information that many Westerners have about the situation on the ground, and the tendency to oversimplify a complex security crisis combine to create a misperception of systemic, state acquiescence to Christian persecution in the North Central states.

Denying Christian suffering and persecution is morally wrong.

Denying the reality of land and resources disputes in Nigeria's North Central States is factually wrong.

Mislabeling a security crisis driven by a land dispute as a state-sponsored genocide only serves to undermine effective solutions. President Tinubu is executing a strengthened security plan to safeguard civilians in the North Central states and uphold every Nigerian's right to worship freely.

Learn more in THE ACTION.

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