

International Christian Concern's Monthly Middle Belt Reports

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The Situation in 2018

ICC has documented over **1350 deaths** since the start of 2018 as a direct result of attacks by Fulani militants. Over 75% of those killed were Christian.

The Middle Belt region has historically been one of the most violent and war-torn areas of Nigeria

» Fulani and Boko Haram militants have killed an estimated **50,000 to 70,000** Christians in the last 20 years. Fulani attacks alone have pushed millions of Christian farmers out of their farms and homes to live as refugees in their own country.

Fulani militants are at the center of a decades-long crisis affecting tens of thousands in Nigeria

» The Fula people, or Fulani in Hausa language, are a nomadic, culturally diverse ethnic group scattered across all of Sub-Saharan Africa. More than 5 million live in Nigeria alone.

» More than **90 percent** of Fulani identify as Muslim.

» With growing environmental problems and competition for resources, conflict has intensified between roving Fulani herders and the more static Christian farming communities in Nigeria.

» Fulani militants have repeatedly targeted Christian farming communities. The response of the Nigerian government has been inconsistent and inadequate.

Middle Belt Reports

» To document the escalating violence, in January of this year ICC began publishing **monthly reports** focused on attacks by Fulani militants.

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