## <u>Press Releases: Rural Herder-Farmer Violence in Nigeria</u>

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The United States condemns in the strongest possible terms the killing of civilians and destruction of property in Nigeria's Middle Belt region over the weekend. We are concerned by the recent increase in armed violence against civilians and call on all political and community leaders to lend their voices to peace and to work together to find lasting solutions to these rural conflicts. We join President Buhari and others in sending our deepest condolences to the affected communities, and in the desire to see the perpetrators brought to justice and to prevent further violence.

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