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Alia condemns killing of MACBAN chairman



Benue State Governor **Hyacinth Alia** has condemned the killing of Alhaji Ardo Risku, the state chairman of the Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association of Nigeria (MACBAN), and his friend, describing the incident as a heinous act that undermines the state's peace and stability.

Alhaji Ardo Risky was ambushed and killed together with his friend in Otukpo, Otukpo Local Government Area, after attending a peace meeting called by the Divisional Police Officer of Ohimini Local Government Area, all in Benue South Senatorial District.

In a statement signed by the Chief Press Secretary, CPS, to Governor Alia, Sir Kula Tersoo, on Saturday, the governor expressed deep shock and sadness over the incident, which occurred at a time when the state was making significant strides in restoring peace across various local government areas.

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Viewing the killing as a direct challenge to his administration's efforts to foster peace and reconciliation, Governor Alia has directed security agencies to conduct a thorough and transparent investigation into the circumstances surrounding the killing.

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The agencies have been tasked with identifying the perpetrators and bringing them to justice swiftly to deter others who may seek to destabilise the state.

Additionally, the governor has ordered enhanced security measures to protect community leaders engaged in peace-building efforts.

While urging calm and lawfulness among MACBAN members and the general public, Alia emphasised that those profiting from chaos would not be allowed to disrupt the peace built over time.

The governor extended condolences to the family of the deceased and the MACBAN community, reaffirming his administration's commitment to maintaining Benue as a home for peace.