

Gunmen kill three in Nasarawa community attack

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At least three residents were killed when gunmen attacked Akunza Ashige community in Lafia Local Government Area of Nasarawa State.

The Nasarawa State Police Command confirmed the incident on Wednesday, saying the attack, which occurred on Tuesday, also left several others injured.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Ramhan Nansel, said the command received a distress call following the invasion of the community by gunmen.

According to him, upon receipt of information about the attack, the Commissioner of Police, Shetima Mohammed, immediately deployed a detachment of mobile police personnel and other tactical teams to the area.

“During the response operation, two corpses were recovered, while nine injured persons were rescued and rushed to nearby hospitals.

“Unfortunately, one of the injured persons died in the early hours of Wednesday, while others are still receiving treatment,” Nansel added.

The PPRO noted that the Commissioner of Police had extended the command’s condolences to the families of the victims and prayed for the speedy recovery of those injured.

The police spokesman further said that the commissioner had directed the Deputy Commissioner of Police in charge of the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID) and the Assistant Commissioner of Police in charge of operations to conduct a comprehensive

investigation into the attack.

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“They were directed to proceed to the area and conduct a comprehensive investigation aimed at unravelling the perpetrators of the dastardly act, with a view to ensuring their immediate arrest and prosecution,” he said.

Nansel, on behalf of the Commissioner of Police, further assured residents of Akunza Ashige and its environs that the command was ready to ensure that all those responsible for the crime were brought to justice.

He, therefore, urged members of the public to remain calm and continue to support the police with timely and useful information.

Meanwhile, the Migili Youth Association, under the leadership of its President, Ajeh Oli Christopher, on Wednesday condemned the attack that led to the loss of three lives and left several others injured in the Ashige Chiefdom of Lafia LGA.

In a statement by the association’s Publicity Secretary, Samuel Akala Daniel, the group said the senseless act of violence against innocent and law-abiding citizens constituted a grave threat to peace and peaceful coexistence in the area, describing it as an affront to humanity and shared societal values.

“The Migili Youth Association expresses deep concern over the recurring insecurity confronting our communities and the growing fear among residents, particularly women, children, and the elderly,” he said.

The association called on Governor Abdullahi Sule to urgently intervene by deploying adequate security personnel to the community and other vulnerable areas within the Ashige Chiefdom to prevent further attacks and restore confidence among the people.

“Furthermore, we demand the immediate arrest, thorough investigation, and prosecution of all individuals involved in this despicable act, in accordance with the law, to ensure justice for the victims and to serve as a strong deterrent to others who may contemplate similar criminal actions,” the statement added.