

2 killed, 1 missing in communal attack

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AN attack on a community by the Tivs in Takum local government area of Taraba State, has resulted to the death of two persons, while one still missing.

The Police Public Relation Officer (PPRO) Ibiang Mbasi confirmed the incident while speaking with *Daily Champion* in Jalingo.

He stated that on January 27, three Fulani boys went rearing the cows and were

attacked by some gunmen in Chanchanji village of Takum local government area.

He said out of the three boys, one escaped, another was killed and his private and sensitive parts removed.

He added that three cows belonging to the Fulani were killed while six were expanded shields of AK 47 rifle in the scene.

He said a passer-by, Tervel Agba, who saw the perpetrators, was also attacked, adding that he knows the perpetrators and can even call them by their names.

The PPRO further said the same Agba has told the police that there were four men that carried out the attack whom are from the same Chanchanji village.

He stated that the police have arrested six village heads in connection with the incident and would soon appear in court on completion of investigation.

Also commenting on the matter, the Chairman of Takum local government, Mr. Tanko Tamti, described the situation as unfortunate and that both Army and the Mopol have been drafted to the area to avoid spill over to other villages or counter attack by the other community.

The chairman appealed those fled the area due to series of crises in the past to come back home and rebuild their houses, adding that peace had been restored in the area.

He further appealed to the people of the area to live in peace with one another and go about their normal businesses.

Coalition ready to partner police on security

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THE North West Security Watch Coalition has passed a vote of confidence on the new acting Inspector-General of Police, Muhammad Abubakar.

The coalition Abubakar's "track record of dedicated policing services and his recent proactive measures in ensuring the quick response by posting enough security in and around major cities in the north arising from the fear of a possible attack by the members of the Boko Haram".

The coalition which has offices in Sokoto, Katsina, Kaduna, Jigawa, Zamfara, Kebbi and Kano, stated this shortly after its meetings in Kano to appraise the security challenges facing the northern part of the country as well to make their stand known on the recent appointment of the new IG by President Goodluck Jonathan.

It described Abubakar's appointment as the best so far by the Federal Government to critically tackle the security problems in the country.

The coalition in a communiqué issued at the end of its meetings and signed by its Chairman, Dr Dauda Dankishiya, said further that the north have suffered enough security threat in recent times with major cities of the area being plunged into critical security challenges that require the positive actions of the Federal Government to curtail the problems.

However, the Coalition commended President Jonathan's maturity of strategically appointing an IG that has vast knowledge of what policing is all about, because of how he dealt with such difficult security situations in places like Kano, Lagos, Plateau and many other places that he served.

Dauda then challenged the new acting IGP to relentlessly do his best by ensuring the total return of peace and security not only in the north but other places that recently is worst hit by the activities of the Boko Haram, armed robbery, hooliganism and all sorts of criminal acts.

The group said the proactive measures known to be one of Abubakar strategies and cardinal principles in policing wherever he is working should be continued with more commitment and dedication, adding that he should not hesitate to deal with any police officer that wants to clearly renege in following the ideals of making the Force vibrant and duty ready in saving the lives and properties of Nigerians.

The coalition also urged the Federal Government to continue to give all the necessary support to the police and other security agencies they would prove to Nigerians that they are more than ready to safeguard lives and properties and make the country a safe haven for foreign investors.

In the same vein, the group appealed to all Nigerians to put their hands on deck and partner the police through the community policing by providing needed information on vital security issues so that they will quickly intervene where necessary.