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# Nigeria: Tafawa Balewa Community Alleges Extra Judicial Killing

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Bauchi — Tafawa Balewa Community in Tafawa Balewa Local Government Area of Bauchi State has alleged extra judicial killing of one person by policeman, illegal detention of 20 by security operatives, and destruction of places of worship and houses by hoodlums.

Briefing newsmen yesterday at the Nigerian Union of Journalist secretariat Bauchi, spokesman of the community, and former chairman of Tafawa Balewa Local Government Area, Alhaji Aminu Tukur alleged that two persons, Dauda Haruna and Audu Haruna travelling inside a commercial vehicle from Yelwan Shendam to Bauchi State, were asked to come down by soldiers under Special Task Force (STF) at the Bogoro bridge road, and that they were taken to a police station. He added that on arrival, Audu Haruna attempted to escape, and that he was shot dead by a mobile policeman. He further said that following that development, youths in the area gathered at the police station, and set the corpse ablaze

Tukur alleged that soldiers under STF also arrested over 20 people and took them to their headquarters in Jos, where they were detained for many days and months without trial.

He said between Monday and last Friday, miscreants destroyed all places of worship and houses rebuilt in the area despite the presence of heavy security personnel in Tafawa Balewa. "Mosque in front of the district's head palace, and the one in front of the village head of Tafawa Balewa Malam Maigida , Ahlussunnah mosque and all other mosques and residential buildings were destroyed by the hoodlums," he said.

Chairman of the committee set up by the Bauchi State Government for the rebuilding of Houses destroyed during the Tafawa Balewa crisis, Alhaji Tanko Yusuf Dutse, who spoke to Daily Trust in a telephone interview said, "We heard about the incident, but we are yet to visit the town to access the level of destruction and the damage done to the building due to security reasons, but very soon, we will go and inspect the buildings destroyed and access the damage done for necessary action'

When contacted, Police Public Relations Officer, ASP Mohammed Barau said, "This is the first time I am hearing about this incident, but when such things happen, we usually investigate in order to fish out the culprits. I am not aware of this, but I will investigate"

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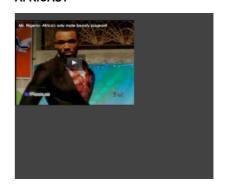
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