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Fulani protest alleged killings by police

Fulani nomads in Nike village of Karshi Development Area of Nasarawa State yesterday staged a protest over alleged killing of an elderly man and two of his children by policemen.

Leadership of the Fulani community in the state alleged that five policemen were allegedly led to Nike by some people in the village after which they (policemen), parked their official vehicle about a kilometer away, and trekked to the compound of the old man for the attack. Muhammed Hussaini,

state secretary of Miyetti Allah, said he was informed that the policemen after completing their assignment, went to their vehicle and sped off.

"We first had to rush the corpses to the Federal Medical Centre in Keffi, where the doctors confirmed that the deceased died of gunshots. Then, we moved them to the cemetery for burial. This morning, Pulani people rose to register their anger at the police station in Uke (headquarters of Karshi), but we the leaders pleaded for calm. We reported

the incident occurred in Uke, and that he had nothing to do with the police in Uke. We have no option than to petition the Inspector General of Police and the Nasarawa State government to fish out the perpetrators of the act", he added.

The state's police spokesman, DSP Michael Ada, confirmed the incident, but

said the police team acted in self defence. "It was a stray bullet. One of the deceased attacked a police corporal with a sword, the matter to the Area Commander in Kelli, air to scare his attacker it was the stray bullet that hit him", he said.