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9 killed, houses burnt in Taraba election violence

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At least nine persons were killed across Taraba State, in the violence that trailed the governorship and state Assembly elections in the state.

Our correspondent gathered that three persons were killed in Gembu, Sardauna Local Government Area and six others were killed in Sunkani in Ardo Kola Local Government Area of the state.

In Sardauna Local Government, five houses were razed by suspected members of the APC, who were protesting alleged manipulation of election result from Mbanga state constituency.

The angry protesters attacked and burnt the houses of Secretary to the State Government, Barister Timothy Gibon Kataps; former SSG, Amb. Emmanuel Njiwah; and member, representing Mbanga constituency in the state House of Assembly, Abel Peter Diah.

Following the tension in Jalingo and other parts of the state, the government declared a curfew from 7pm to 6:00am with effect from yesterday.

Taraba police spokesman, ASP Joseph Kwaji, said only one person was killed in Gembu but confirmed that the houses of the current SSG, Timothy Gibon Kataps, and that of the member representing Mbanga state constituency, Abel Peter Diah were razed.

Kwaji added that two persons lost their lives in a clash between APC and PDP supporters in Sunkani, Ardo Kola Local Government Areas of the state.

The police spokesman added that the state was now relatively peaceful, following intensive patrol by officers and men of the command, who according to him, were in all the nooks and crannies of the state.

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