

Stop The Killings In Katsina

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In 2022, 156 were killed, including in Illela village in Dutsinma LGA, on January 27, 2022; six (along with the village head) in Daddara village in Jibia LGA on February 3, 2022; 17 in Karfi ward of Malumfashi LGA on February 4, 2022; 12 in Guga, Dukawa and Gidan Kanawa villages in Bakori LGA on February 8, 2022; and 15, all of them farmers, while clearing their fields, in Gakurdi village in Jibia LGA on May 24, 2022.

This year, 2023, also started on a bad note for many in Katsina. Three persons were killed on Kankara-Ruwan Godiya-Sheme road in Kankara LGA on January 3. People were also killed in Jajar Kanwa village in Jibia in January also. The goriest of all so far happened on Friday, February 3, 2023, where more than 100 were killed in communities in Kankara and Bakori LGAs.