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Tension In Taraba As Militias Kill Pastor, Pregnant Wife, Son



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JALINGO – Mararaba, a town in Donga Local Government Area of Taraba State, is presently under tension after alleged militias murdered a pastor of the CRCN Church, Rev. Emmanuel Bileya, his pregnant wife pleaking; Qsdidneliote Undge Howse Arrest As APC Rally Fails To Hold

Our correspondent gathered that the late Rev. Emmanuel and his family were working on their farm, a few kilometres away from Mararaba, about 4p.m, when militias attacked and killed them.

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A survivor, who narrowly escaped, had sighted the militias and ran back to relate the ugly news to the community.

The Tiv/Jukun crisis has been on since April, 2019 – a situation that started as a private fight in Kente village, Wukari Local Government Area.

In a related development, Darius Dickson Ishaku, the governor of Taraba State, has condemned the gruesome murder of the pastor, saying that he received news of the murder with shock.

This was contained in a statement by his S.A., Media and Publicity, Bala Dan Abu.



The governor described the killings as wicked and inhuman.

He said killings of that nature had happened too often recently in Southern Taraba communities and described the situation as unhelpful to the on-going efforts of the government to achieve lasting peace among communities in the area.

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He expressed sympathy with the surviving members of Pastor Bileya's immediate and extended families, as well as pastors and members of CRC-N in Mararaba, where he served until his death.

Our correspondent also reports that a pastor with Praise Chapel in Rafinkada, in Wukari Local Government Area, was also murdered last month by Tiv militias while he was on his farm immediately after a peace talk between elders and traditional rulers of both tribes.

Our correspondent further reports that the aftermath of every peace meeting between Tiv and Jukun in the state or outside the state are attacks.

When contacted, the state Police Command Public Relations Officer, DSP David Misal, confirmed the incident and called on the people of the area to remain calm and not to take the law into their own hands as the police were investigating and working hard to identify perpetrators of the wicked act in order to make them face the law.

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