

# Two Killed, Others Injured As Hoodlums Storm Wedding In Bauchi

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No fewer than two persons have been killed by hoodlums who stormed the venue of a wedding send forth at Gudum Hausawa, a suburb of Bauchi metropolis.

Reports had it that on Friday last week, hoodlums in their numbers stormed the residence of a retired Police Officer, Ezra Yari in Gudum Hausawa, who organised a send forth ceremony for his daughter who was expected to get married on Saturday.

The hoodlums were said to have stormed the house at about 11 p.m. while the programme was going on and started hitting, beating people in attendance and even shot two young men dead in the process.

A resident of the area told our correspondent that the attack came as a surprise considering the fact that Mr. Ezra Yari has been living in the area peacefully with everyone.

He stressed that the area is gradually becoming notorious for activities of hoodlums who take cover there to plan their

nefarious criminal activities.

He appealed to security operatives in the state to come to their rescue.

Chairman, Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), Bauchi State, Rev (Dr.) Abraham Damina Dimeus, who visited the area, appealed to the people particularly the Christian community to remain calm and not seek revenge.

The CAN Chairman assured that the leadership would take up the matter with the relevant agencies and authorities to ensure that justice was done to the families involved.

Meanwhile, confirming the development, the Bauchi State Police Public Relations Officer, SP Mohammed Ahmed Waki, said some thugs entered the venue and started beating the people and the youths, adding that they started using the dane gun to shoot the people and wounded some youths.

"Two youths were shot and killed by the hoodlums, those killed were Christopher Habila, 17 years old, and Halon Nandir, 18 years old, all of Gudum Hausawa."

"At present, seven suspects have been arrested in connection with the incident while the Commissioner of Police, Umar Sanda, has directed that full discreet investigations should be conducted to get the root cause of the incident," the PPRO said.

On readiness of the command to protect lives and property of innocent citizens, he said that the Commissioner of Police has directed the Area Commander to expand investigation in the area and fish out anyone involved in the crime.

The PPRO further said that all DPOs in the metropolis have been directed to focus attention to the area following series of happenings in the area in order to protect lives and property of law-abiding citizens.

He also said that all the arrested suspects were already in detention at the Police Command Headquarters pending the completion of investigation.

In another development one person had been killed and four others injured in a road crash in Gyara Village, Bogoro Local Government Area of Bauchi State.