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## Tiv People Raise Alarm Over Continued Attacks In Taraba

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The internally displaced Tiv people in Taraba State, has raised the alarm over the continued attacks on their people.

Speaking to journalists yesterday in Jalingo, the leader of the IDPs in Bali Local Government Area of Taraba State, Mr. Gideon Chum, said over three Tiv people were killed on Saturday by suspected Fulani herdsmen.

He alleged that local chiefs in the state are responsible for most of the attacks in the state, urging the governor to hold them responsible if he must succeed in his quest to bring peace to the state.

He also accused the district head of Bunga in Bali local government, Mallam Abubakar Garba of masterminding the attack where three persons; Terzungwe Hanemaor, Terzungwe Mbaahiirga and Mr Mpuuga Akperaga were shot on their way back from a burial of one elder Utsua Daar.

According to a letter presented to journalists at the briefing by Chum, the district head had on July 22, 2015, wrote the DPO of Bali threatening that the said Utsua Daar should not be buried in the area, as, according to him, the man is not an indigene of the area.

The leader further explained that the local chief mobilised people who went and destroyed the grave two days to the burial all in a bid to stop the planned burial of Utsua on his ancestral land.



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