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Five people were yesterday killed in Tapga Village of Ibi Local Government Area of Taraba State.

They died after an attack by a heavily armed militia group from the Tarok village in neighbouring Plateau State.

The reason for the attack could not be immediately ascertained.

Several others also sustained injuries in the attack. Others were forced to desert Tapga village.

The injured were taken to hospitals in Wukari and Ibi, it was learnt.

Eyewitnesses said those who escaped are taking refuge in Jibo – a rustic settlement of Wukari.

Chairman of Ibi council Adamu Ishaku, who confirmed the attack and killings to reporters, said "the attackers took my people unawares".

Ishaku said the attackers had planned to invade Sarki-Kudu village but they couldn't succeed. "They ended up launching the attack on the unsuspecting residents of Tapga," he said.

Ishaku put the casualty figure at three. But eyewitnesses said the number of the dead rose to five at press time.

A source added that the fate of little children and women left behind was still unknown.

The Ibi chairman said security in parts of Ibi has been porous especially at the coastal and border areas.

He said Nahuta, another village in Ibi had earlier in the year been attacked by a similar militia from Plateau state.

Police Commissioner Jubril Adeniji could not be reached for comment. Spokesman Joseph Kwaji said the Police was waiting to receive detail of the incident

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