

# Southern Cameroonian separatists 'kill village head, 10 others in Taraba community'

From Sanni Onogu, Abuja

**A**MBAZONIA separatists from Southern Cameroon have killed 11 residents of the Manga community in Takum Local Government Area of Taraba State, Deputy Senate Minority Leader Emmanuel Bwacha has said.

Bwacha, who raised a point of order at the plenary yesterday, said the incident had put the nation's sovereignty and territorial integrity under threat.

He said the invasion led to the killing of the village head, some other residents and the burning of houses in the community.

Bwacha, who also said Manga is 20 kilometres from Kashimbilla Dam, urged the military to prevent the separatists from occupying the community.

He said: "I rise this morning to draw the attention of our countrymen, and particularly our security agencies, to this unfortunate incident which undermines our integrity and sovereignty as a nation."

"Takum Local Government houses the 23 Battalion of the Nigerian Army. So, Mr. President, it is my humble submission that the Nigerian Army should rise to the challenge and curb this wanton territorial expansion."

"Their motive is yet unknown, whether they want to expand territory or lay claim for Southwest Cameroon is not yet clear."

"As I speak, a number of individuals have gone missing and their whereabouts are yet unknown. The village also is razed down."

The Senate held a minute silence to honour the victims.

It was learnt that the incident took place in the early hours of Wednesday at Manga village.

Takum is a border community between Taraba State and the Republic of Cameroon.

Joseph Manga, the brother of the slain traditional ruler and the Senior Special Assistant to the Taraba State Governor, Darius Ishaku, confirmed the incident to *Channels* via a telephone interview.

He said the Ambazonian soldiers first attacked the border community in the Cameroon Republic before crossing over to Nigeria to unleash mayhem.

"The Ambazonian separa-

tist soldiers attacked my village, Manga, which is a border community between Takum Local Government Area of Taraba State and the Republic of Cameroon.

"They, first of all, attacked a village on the other side of the divide and killed people before crossing over to do the same here."

"My elder brother is the traditional ruler there. They laid ambush and killed him in his palace before proceeding to

kill others.

"The death toll at the moment is 11, including my brother, the traditional ruler. We are still combing the bush to recover more bodies or possibly those hiding."

Other residents of the community were said to be missing as they are suspected to have fled to other communities for safety.

Also, the chairman of the local government, Shiban Tikari, announced that when he visited the scene yesterday, five bodies had been re-

covered.

He said: "I can confirm to you that we have so far recovered five bodies from the scene and others are still being sought for in nearby bush."

"My team, alongside the military, visited to restore normalcy and ensure that such thing does not repeat itself."

"For now, we do not know those who came to attack, but news filtered in, saying they are Ambazonian separatist soldiers from the Republic of Cameroon."

**F.A.R.E.W.E.L.L. D.A.D.D.Y.**



*Our remarkable and loving Brother, Husband, Father, Grandfather and Extraordinary Accountant passed on to glory on Thursday, October 28th, 2021 after a brief illness. He is survived by Wife, Children and Grand Children.*

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DAYO FRANCIS  
ADEGBAIYE, ACA**  
(22/05/1954 - 28/10/2021) - AGED 67

## FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

**Christian Wake Keep:**  
**Thursday 18th, November 2021 Friday**  
Dea. Adegbaiye's Residence,  
12, Ajegunle Road,  
Ita-Oluwo, Ikorodu,  
Lagos State  
**Time: 4:00pm**

**Farewell Service:**  
**Friday 19th, November 2021**  
RCCG Open Heavens Parish,  
Redemption Camp,  
Km 46 Lagos-Ibadan Expressway,  
Lagos State  
**Time: 10:00am**

*Internment follows immediately after Farewell Service at the RCCG Memorial Gardens*

**SIGNED BY: THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS**