Taraba monarch, son killed by unknown gunmen

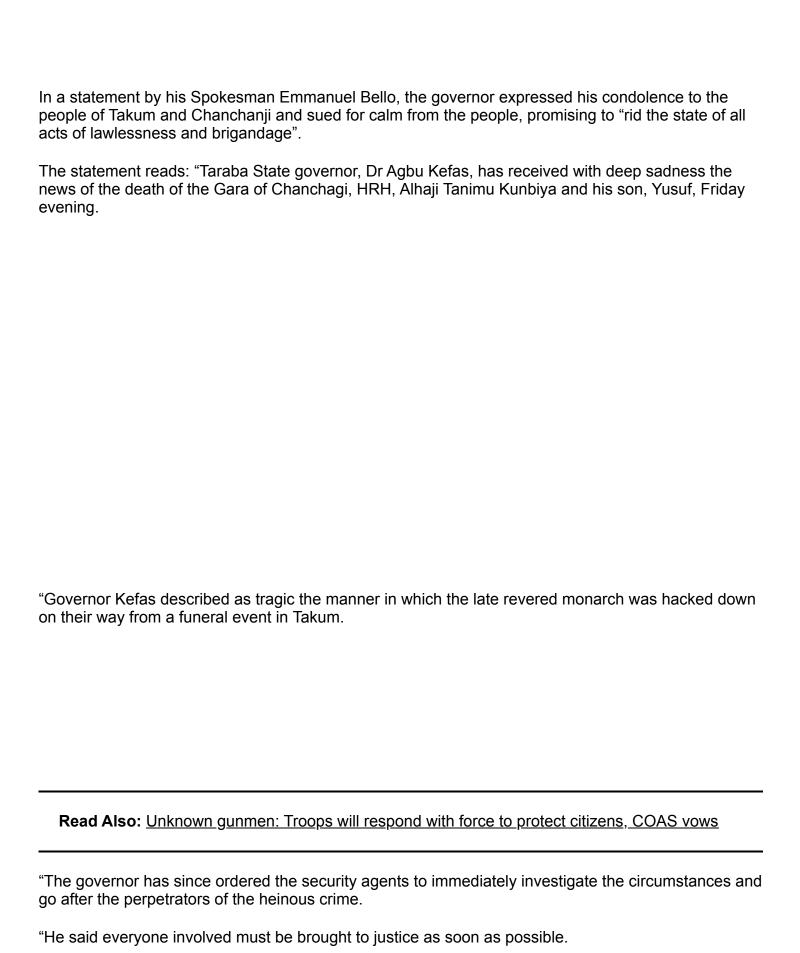


Gov orders investigation

The traditional ruler of Chanchanji in Takum Local Government Area of **Taraba State**, Alhaji Tanimu Kumbiya, and his son, Yusuf, were murdered by unknown assailants on Takum-Chanchanji Road late Friday.

According to reports, the traditional ruler and his son were returning from a funeral in Takum when they met their untimely death.

Expressing his shock over the incident, Taraba State governor, Agbu Kefas, has ordered the arrest of the perpetrators of the "heinous act".



"The governor, while suing for calm from Takum residents, said he would leave no stone unturned to fetch out the criminals and bring them to justice in the shortest time possible.
"He stressed that the era of banditry and criminality has ended with all the strong security measures the administration is taking."
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Also, the Tiv Cultural and Social Association, Taraba State, has expressed its "shock and sadness" over the murder of their monarch.
A statement signed by the President General of the association, Chief James Baka, called on the government to investigate the murder and bring the perpetrators to justice.
While condemning acts of criminality, the association have acknowledged the existing peaceful co- existence between the Tiv and other ethnic groups in Takum and called on the governor to deploy security forces to the volatile area.
The statement reads: "We call on the government and security agencies to diligently investigate this murder and bring the perpetrators to justice.
"As a people, we are deeply saddened and concerned by this event. We urge everyone to remain calm and allow the security agencies to carry out their responsibilities effectively.
"We unequivocally condemn any act of criminality and will never associate with criminal elements.