

In neighbouring Benue State, Gov. Hyacinth Alia vowed yesterday to bring to book the perpetrators of the Christmas Day attack on Anwase Community in Kwande Local Government Area.

Alia, in a statement by his Chief Press Secretary, Sir Tersoo Kula, expressed sadness over the attack that led to the death of at least 10 innocent residents.

The governor condemned the continued attacks on unarmed innocent citizens of the state by the bloodthirsty attackers.

“Such heinous acts have continued in the state despite the efforts of my administration to ensure the safety of his people,” he said.

“I can assure you, the perpetrators of this act will pay dearly for it.

“They may think they are not known, but they cannot be allowed to continue perpetrating this. It is a matter of time.

“We are determined to continue to use lawful procedures to protect Benue people,” he assured.

Alia charged security personnel to improve their surveillance and also ensure that vulnerable communities are not left unguarded.

The governor condoled with the families that have lost their loved ones in the attack and sympathised with the injured, saying his thoughts of comfort and prayers were with them at the difficult time.