

# 3 persons killed in Benue

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IN less than a month, three persons are feared assassinated in Gboko, Katsina-Ala and Makurdi, the state capital of Benue State, *New Nigerian* investigations have revealed.

Also, a special adviser to the governor, Mr. Simon Tarka narrowly escaped being killed in the hands of hoodlums recently.

First on the assassination roll call was the killing of the son of the Ter Gboko and Tarka Chief Akaahar Adi, the killing of a brother to the Speaker of Benue State House Assembly Mr. Julius Uga, who was a lecturer with the College of Education, Katsina-Ala last week.

Just on Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006 the killing of kindred Head of Asase in Makurdi, Zaki Tyopev Abaa by unknown gunmen at about 9 pm which drew the attention of the populace.

Late Zaki Abaa was allegedly gunned down shortly after holding a security meeting in his domain at North Bank.

Worried by the rising incidents, Benue State House of Assembly, Tuesday, invited

the police and some top government functionaries to appear before it over the security situation in the state.

Those invited, our correspondent learnt, are the Secretary to the State Government, Special Adviser to the Governor on Security Matters, the Permanent Secretary, Internal Affairs and the state Commissioner of Police.

They are to appear before the House next week Tuesday to explain the security situation in the state.

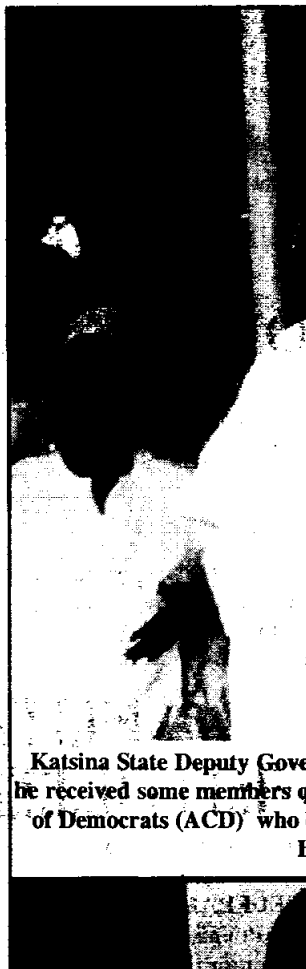
*New Nigerian* reports that the House presided over by its Deputy Speaker Mr. Ralph Igbago had said the Assembly was no longer comfortable with the security situation in the state.

According to the lawmakers, the problem had reached a level where the people of the state no longer sleep with their eyes closed.

According to them, the House would do everything possible to ensure that the security of persons and property were secure.

The House expressed regret that the bill on vigilante passed into law by the assembly was

yet to be assented to and called on the people to be more security-conscious.



Katsina State Deputy Governor received some members of Democrats (ACD) who