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Gunmen kill 2, burn houses in Nasarawa •Mrs Babangida Aliyu donates N2m to wives of slain officers

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SUSPECTED gunmen, numbering over 50 and dressed in military uniform were, on Sunday evening, allegedly attacked in some Tiv settlements in Awe Local Government Area of Nasarawa State, killing two men among whom was the Personal Assistant to the state Commissioner for Community and Rural Development in the state, Honourable Godwin Mbatsav, Mr James Orjime.

Nigerian Tribune exclusively learnt that the assailants also razed many houses. Apart from those killed, about three others, among whom were two women, also sustained varying degrees of injury.

Reports monitored from the village indicated that the assailants, who had earlier laid ambush on the road, suddenly swarmed on the inhabitants of the community and killed Orjime who was later discovered to be a personal assistant to the commissioner.

It was gathered further that Iwar Asuma was also killed, while the trio of Daniel Adamu, Kushile Tor and Asuma sustained varying degrees of injury and currently receiving treatment at undisclosed hospital.

Nigerian Tribune investigations revealed that the remains of Orjime, had been deposited at Sandanji Hospital's mortuary in Lafia, the state capital. The late commissioner's PA was said to have met his death at Abuni village while searching for his wife who was among the displaced persons during the invasion of assailants.

An eyewitness told the Nigerian Tribune that the situation led to fracas between the youth and some elders of the village before the arrival of the stern-looking mobile police officers.

When contacted over the incident through phone on Monday, the Deputy Police Public Relations Officer (DPPRO), Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) Cornelius Ocholi, denied knowledge of the attack.

Meanwhile, wife of Niger State governor, Mrs Jummai Mauzu Babaginda Aliyu, on Monday, donated the sum of N2 million to the wives of security operatives that were killed recently in Alakio village area of Lafia Local Government Area of the state by Ombatse militia group.

Mrs Aliyu, who represented the wives of the Northern Governors Forum (NGF), made the donation at the Police Officers Mess in Lafia, when she paid a condolence visit and distribution of relief materials to the wives of slain police officers and State Security Officers (SSO), that lost their husbands in an attempt to arrest the chief priest of Ombatse militia group before they met their untimely death.

The wife of the governor, who said she was in Lafia to register her sympathy as well as condole with them on behalf of other wives of the governors, said "the incident is really sad," saying that the wives of the security operatives should take heart and pray for the

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