

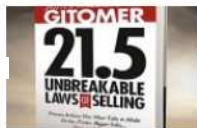
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ACHIGORO village in Assakio, the headquarters of Lafia East Development Area of Nasarawa State has been thrown into mourning, as a result of the mysterious death of a 60-year-old woman, Mrs Sarah George, her son's wife, Blessing George and her 19-year-old grandson.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the incident, which occurred on Thursday night, was not unconnected with their dinner which sources said might have contained toxic substances.

According to an eyewitness, "all of them slept in the same room and when it was morning, Timothy George, who happens to be the son of the 60-year-old woman, wondered why they had not woken up at about 8.a.m. So, he went to their room where he found all of them dead."

Their corpses have been deposited at the Dalhatu Araf Specialist Hospital (DASH) in Lafia, the state capital, for autopsy. Investigations by the Nigerian Tribune further revealed that the case has been transferred to the state Criminal Investigation Department (CID) from the District Office at Assakio and investigation has since commenced.

When contacted on phone for confirmation, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Audu Garba Mallam, a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), said the information had not reached his office.

In another development, a nine-year-old boy, Obushi Maikasuwa of Angora village in Kokona Local Government Area of the state has been axed to death by Fulani herdsmen.

Reports indicated that the incident occurred around 6p.m. during the invasion of the deceased's parents' farm by Fulani herdsmen.

Investigations revealed that the deceased's father, Maikasuwa Baba and his children were in the farm when the Fulani herdsmen rustled their cows into the farm and started destroying farm produce.

It was gathered that in an attempt by the deceased and his elder brothers to prevent the cows from destroying the farm, one of the attackers brought out his cutlass and inflicted deep cuts on the boy, who died instantly.

Witnesses told the Nigerian Tribune that the deceased's father, afterwards, took the corpse to the

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divisional police station in Garaku. The assailants were said to have escaped with their cattle before the arrival of policemen.

Nigerian Tribune further gathered that the assailants also attacked a woman, Bilikisu Abubakar, who was working on her farm. She was rushed to the General Hospital in Garaku where she died.

It was further learnt that the police have arrested one 22-year-old Musa Ardo in connection with the incidents while investigation is ongoing.

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