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We'll track down Iggah's attackers —AI-Makura

NASARAWA State governor, Umaru Tanko Al-Makura, on Tuesday, said his government would not treat last Saturday's Iggah's attack with levity, as those behind such heinous act in which many lives were lost, among whom were little children, would be tracked down and face the music in no distance period.

The governor, who confirmed that over 50 people were gruesomely killed, vowed that the long arm of the law would soon catch up with the perpetrators and their sponsors, no matter how highly placed in the society.

Governor Al-Makura stated this before the commencement of the state chapter of All Progressives Congress (APC) stakeholders' meeting, held at the Government House in Lafia, the state capital.

He lamented the killing of more than 50 Gwandere people by Eggon youths at Iggah village in Nasarawa Eggon Local Government Area of the state, saying his government would not continue to allow innocent citizens to be killed by criminals any longer.

According to him, "as a government, it is incumbent on us to guarantee the security of lives and property. We cannot allow our people to continue to live in fear. Those criminals, who carried out the senseless attack at Iggah, where over 50 people were killed, will be tracked down wherever they are, whoever they are."

Al-Makura explained that if the trend was not curtailed now, it might degenerate into full-blown crises, hence, there was the need for the present government to take decisive action on it, pointing out that the government had commenced the implementation of Justice Joseph Fola Gbadeyan (retd), led Judicial Commission of Inquiry into Alakyio killing, in which over 90 security personnel were ambushed by outlawed Ombatse militiamen.

The governor said there would be no sacred cows in carrying out the implementation, noting that whoever was indicted by the panel and the other two panels before it would face justice.

Speaking on the APC's preparation for the forthcoming state congress, Al-Makura assured that it would hitchfree, just like the ward and local government congresses, as he called for more cooperation from the party members.

Earlier in their separate speeches, the chairmen, Appeal Panel and Congress Committee, Senator Joseph Waku and Mr Ahmed El-Manzuk respectively, said after the successful conduct of the ward and local government congresses in the state, there was no single appeal filed before the committee, expressing satisfaction with the conduct of members during the congresses and noted that, despite the religious and ethnic diversity in the state, the exercise was rancour-free and urged other states to emulate that.

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