Vigilante Group Raids Hotel, Allegedly Kills Two In Kogi Over Ban On Nightclub

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Two persons have been reportedly killed by men of the vigilante group in Ogaminana community, Adavi local government area of Kogi State over ban on nightclub activities.

Tribune Online reliably gathered on Saturday that the incident occurred on Friday night when the vigilante men raided a popular hotel where a nightclub was reportedly ongoing.

According to an eyewitness account, clash with the clubbers escalated into shooting three youths including the hotel manager whose names have not been confirmed as of the time of filing this report.

Two of the clubbers reportedly died on the spot while one escaped by the whiskers and is receiving treatment in the hospital.

Meanwhile, the Chairman of Adavi local government, Hon. Joseph Salami in a statement said "the Vigilante group were on their usual night patrol and working according to the laid down rules by the Local Government Authority on the ban of nightclub activities within her domain.

"The clash led to the loss of two(2) lives, an officer of the Vigilante group sustaining an injury, and their vehicle was destroyed."

He advised the bereaved families and youths not to take laws into their hands as he prayed for the departed souls, comforted the families of the deceased for the loss of their children, and advised every parent and youth not to take the law into their hands.

He also urged every parent to caution their children not to take the law into their hands.

"First, we had placed a ban on nightclub activities but as it is expected of us, we will take a critical look at the issue, investigate the genesis of it, and make sure whoever is involved is brought to book.

"As we all know, nobody is above the law, therefore, no stone shall be left unturned in the course of our investigation. There's no cause for alarm," he added.

All effort to speak with the Kogi State Police Command Public Relations Officer, DSP William Ayah proved abortive as calls to his line by our reporter was not connecting.