

Suspected Ambazonian soldiers from Cameroon kill 11 in Taraba

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PALPABLE tension gripped residents of Takum Local Government Area of Taraba State on Wednesday when some suspected Ambazonian soldiers from the Republic of Cameroon stormed the community. Channels Television gathered that 11 people, including a traditional ruler, were killed in the incident that took place in the early

hours of Wednesday at Manga village.

Takum Local Government Area is a border community between Taraba State and the Republic of Cameroon.

Joseph Manga, the brother of the slain traditional ruler and Senior Special Assistant to the Taraba State governor, Darius Ishaku, confirmed the incident to Channels Television via a telephone interview.

He disclosed that the Ambazonian soldiers first attacked the border community in Cameroon before

crossing over to Nigeria to unleash mayhem.

"The Ambazonian separatist soldiers attacked my village, Manga, which is a border community between Taraba State and Republic of Cameroon in Takum LGA," he said.

"They, first of all, attacked a village on the other side of the divide and killed people before crossing over to do the same here.

"My elder brother is the traditional ruler there; they laid ambush and killed him in his palace before pro-

ceeding to kill others.

"The death toll at the moment is 11, including my brother, the traditional ruler. We are still combing the bush to recover more bodies or possibly those hiding."

Other residents of the community are said to still be missing as they are suspected to have fled to other communities for safety.

Meanwhile, the chairman of the Local Government Area, Shibani Tikari, disclosed that as of the time he visited the scene in the

early hours of Wednesday after receiving the distress call, only five bodies were recovered.

He said: "I can confirm to you that we have so far recovered five bodies from the scene and others are still being sought in nearby bushes.

"My team alongside the military visited to restore normalcy and ensure that such attack does not recur.

"For now, we do not know those who came to attack, but news filtered in saying that they are Ambazonian

separatist soldiers from the Republic of Cameroon."

Meanwhile, the Senator representing Taraba South senatorial district in the National Assembly, Emmanuel Bwacha, raised the alarm on the attack during the commencement of plenary on Wednesday.

Senator Bwacha, who is also the Senate Deputy Minority Leader, said the invasion of the community by the separatists from neighbouring Cameroon had led to the sack of residents of Manga village.

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