

Gunmen Kill 25, Set Houses Ablaze In Benue Community



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At least, 25 people were reported killed when gunmen launched a deadly attack on the Imande Mbakange community and other neighborhoods in the Katsina-Ala Local Government Area of Benue State.

That was even as the convoy of Governor Yahaya Bello of Kogi State was reportedly blocked and attacked by some hoodlums suspected to be police officers. The attack, which took place in the early hours of Saturday, saw many other people injured and many houses burnt.

Chairman of Katsina-Ala Local Government Area, Hon. Atera Alfred, confirmed the bloody attack. Atera, in a statement by his media aide, said the attack took place in the wee hours of Saturday.

The Chairman described the senseless killings by the unknown gunmen as “inhuman and barbaric” and called on all security formations to respond to the attack as a matter of urgency.

He also called on security operatives to intensify surveillance in the areas prone to attacks to avert further breakdown of law and order.

He sympathised with families of the victims and promised to continue to support and implement every lawful means in a bid to protect innocent people.

Meanwhile, Governor Yahaya Bello of Kogi State’s convoy was reportedly blocked and attacked by some hoodlums suspected to be police officers.

A statement issued on yesterday by the state’s Commissioner for Information, Kingsley Fanwo, blamed people believed to be supporters of the Governor. The attack took place at about 12.30pm yesterday.

According to the commissioner, the attack took place near the Naval Base, a few kilometres from Lokoja where the convoy of Governor Yahaya Bello was stopped on the road and some of his armed thugs started shooting sporadically at the convoy of the Governor.