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Gunmen kill three, injure two in Nasarawa

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1 GUNMEN in their hundreds on Monday killed three persons and injured two in Kofar Gwari in Kokona Local Government Area of Nasarawa State.

The incident occurred at exactly 1:30 am.

Investigation by *The PUNCH* indicated that the incident happened when some members of the vigilante groups in the area were having their meeting on how to address the wave of reckless killings and kidnapping of innocent people in their area.

It was also gathered that the yet to be identified AK47 wielding gunmen invaded Kofar Gwari area of Kokona Local Government Area of the state and started shooting sporadically into the air and killed three members of the vigilante groups who were in a meeting discussing on how to arrest endless killings in their area.

The PUNCH further learnt that the two members of the vigilante groups who were shot badly in the legs were taken to an undisclosed hospital in the area for treatment.

According to an eye-witness account, the AK47 wielding gunmen had been terrorising people on their farmland. "We cannot go to our farm any longer to harvest our crops because of fear of being attacked by suspected Fulani herdsmen who have been grazing on our farmland," the source said.

But the Police Public Relations Officer Nasarawa State Command, ASP Ismaila Numan, who confirmed the incident to *The PUNCH* in Lafia, the state capital, said members of the vigilante groups in Kokona Local Government Council were having their meeting when unknown gunmen came from nowhere and started shooting sporadically into the air and killed two vigilantes at a spot.

"The command received a report that the members of the vigilante groups were having their meeting when unknown gunmen came from nowhere and started shooting sporadically into the air and killed two members of the groups at a spot," he added.

The police image maker disclosed that the two members of the vigilante groups who were killed were handed over to the family members and were buried according to Islamic rites.