

Nine killed in Taraba gov's hometown attack

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Taraba State Governor, Darius Ishaku

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No fewer than nine persons were feared killed in Takum town in the Takum Local Government Area of Taraba State on Tuesday, residents told our correspondent.

Takum is the home town of Governor Darius Ishaku.

Sources in Takum said trouble started on Tuesday morning when a Jukun man was killed on his farm along Takum-Wukari road and irate Jukun youths in Takum went on the rampage, killing no fewer than eight people in the town.

A resident of Takum, Mr Nathaniel Jato, in a telephone interview with our correspondent said the eight people killed in Takum town were all Tiv.

“We counted no fewer than eight dead bodies around General Hospital Junction and the Zenith Bank around the Wukari roundabout.

“The Caretaker Committee Chairman of Takum Local Government Council, Shibani Tikari, has assured us that the situation will not escalate, but I am afraid the situation may degenerate if adequate security measures are not put in place,” he lamented.

Jato, who said there was a threat to attack their houses at night, called on Ishaku and security authorities to restore peace to the area to pave the way for investigation into the matter.

The Police Public Relations Officer in the state, DSP David Misal, who confirmed the development, however, said two people were killed.

“One person was killed on the farm which is under dispute this morning and some youths in Takum attacked and killed someone, allegedly a relation to the people who are in dispute over the said parcel of land, leading to a reprisal.

“The land matter has been in court and two months ago a relation of the person killed on the same land today was killed on the same farm. We have since brought the situation under control,” he said.