

The leader of Tapital Pulaaku Jode Jam, Abdu Bali, was also killed alongside two other guests at his residence when the gunmen struck on Independence Day.

The state government said the deaths had blackened the country's Independence Day celebration in Adamawa.

The Director General, Media and Communication, Government House, Solomon Kumangar, said Governor Ahmadu Fintiri strongly condemned the killings of some of the states' prominent citizens.

He said, "The Adamawa State Government strongly condemns the killings which have completely blackened the nation's Independence Day celebrations in Adamawa if you take into cognisance the calibre of people involved.

"We regret the death of Abdu Bali, the chairman of Tapital Pulaaku Jode Jam, who has been working closely with the state government in tackling kidnappings, cattle rustling and clashes between farmers and herders.