

Two killed, homes burnt in fresh Jukun/Tiv clash

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File: Gunmen

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Gunmen suspected to be Jukun militia attacked Idua village along Wukari-Ibi Road in the Ibi Local Government Area of Taraba State on Thursday, killing two people and razing many homes.

Residents, who spoke to our correspondent, said the hoodlums attacked the village around 7.30pm.

An eyewitness, Orhembaga Laregh, told our correspondent on the telephone that the attackers shot indiscriminately when they arrived in the community.

Another eyewitness, Terngu Deior, told our correspondent that he was sitting in front of his house when suddenly he saw armed men trooping into the village from Wukari area.

He said, “I escaped through the backdoor and ran to the nearby police checkpoint but there was nobody to report to.”

Spokesman for the police in the state, ASP David Misal, confirmed the attack.

Missal said, “Information available to us indicates that gunmen suspected to be Jukun youths attacked a Tiv village in the Ibi LGA and killed two people.

“They also burnt some thatch houses during the attack believed to be between the Jukun and Tiv in the area.

“The Divisional Police Officer of Ibi is leading officers on a manhunt for the attackers.”

Governor Darius Ishaku during a peace meeting convened by the Federal Government in Abuja to end the crisis in September 2019 said the crisis was an internal affair of Taraba and pledged to end it.

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