Youths damage Benue APC chairman's house over guard's death

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The vandalised vehicles

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Youths numbering about 100 on Monday invaded the house of the Benue State Chairman of the All Progressives Congress, Abba Yaro, damaging the building and vandalising three vehicles on the premises.

The house is located along Judges' Quarters, behind the permanent site of the Zone 4 Police Command.

A resident, who identified herself as Dooshima, told *PUNCH Metro* that trouble started when youths in the area found the body of a young man, who worked as a security guard in the house, hanged on a tree.

The deceased was reportedly forced to cut the branch of a tree touching a high tension wire when he was electrocuted.

"This angered the youth in the community, who invaded the house, pulled down the gates and damaged the house," she added.

Yaro told *PUNCH Metro* that he was asleep when the victim was electrocuted.

He said, "I woke up with a noise from people this morning (Monday) that one of my security men climbed a tree to cut the branch that touched a high tension wire and in the process, he got electrocuted.

"When I asked the other security man, he told me that he warned him against going to cut the branch, but the man said he knew how to do it, only for him to be electrocuted.

"We were in the process of sorting out things when youths came in their numbers, pulled down the gate, entered the house and destroyed it."

Yaro commended the state Governor, Samuel Ortom, who visited the house, adding that the intervention of the governor and the police saved his family from attack.

Our correspondent, who visited the house, observed that the two main gates to the building were pulled down, while three vehicles and the house windows were smashed.