

# Northern youths kick as gunmen invade Abia cattle market, kill eight

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**G**UNMEN late Tuesday invaded the newly constructed cattle market in Omumauzor in the Ukwa West Local Government Area of Abia State.

The state government confirmed that eight people were killed during the attack.

The Commissioner for

Information and Strategy, Eze Chikamnyo, in a statement on Wednesday, vowed that the state government would bring the perpetrators to book.

He said, "On Tuesday, February 15, 2022, around 11.35pm, some yet-to-be-identified hoodlums allegedly invaded traders at the New Cattle Market in Omumauzor, in the Ukwa West Local Government Area of our dear state.

"The government responded



• Abia gov, Okezie Ikpeazu swiftly by mobilising the various security agencies to the scene

that night to secure the lives and property of the innocent traders and fish out the assailants.

"We are shocked and saddened by this mindless and barbaric act of violence that claimed the lives of about eight innocent citizens of our great country and we totally condemn this dastardly act together with its wicked perpetrators.

"We are working assiduously to provide succour to the families of

the bus stop.

the victims. Those who sustained injuries are currently receiving medical attention.

"We have equally started the immediate relocation of the traders while working out compensation for lost properties."

Meanwhile, the Arewa Youth Consultative Forum, in a statement on Wednesday by its National President, Alhaji Yerima Shettima, called for the arrest of the hoodlums.

He said, "As a group, we are still deeply concerned about the murder of Northerners resident in Abia, who are doing legitimate business.

"We are also deeply touched by the report of scores of others sustaining varying degrees of injury and have now been hospitalised.

"We condemn in totality this dastardly attack on innocent citizens from the North trading to earn a living."

## Military launches manhunt for hoodlums who killed four in Plateau

James Abraham, Jos

**T**HE military task force maintaining peace in Plateau State, otherwise known as Operation Safe Haven, has said four persons were killed during two separate attacks on miners and travellers in the Jos North Local Government Area of the state.

It was learnt that the two incidents,

which happened on Tuesday at Yelwa-Zangam community, and the Jos-Jingir Road, also left three other persons injured.

Confirming the two attacks in a statement on Wednesday, the Military Information Officer of the Operation Safe Haven, Major Ishaku Takwa, said, "Operation Safe Haven received a distress call on the civil unrest that ensued between Fulani herders and

miners at the Yelwa Zangam general area of Jos North LGA in the early hours of Tuesday, February 15, 2022. Also, in the late hours of same day, a vehicle conveying passengers was attacked along the Jos-Jingir Road.

"Troops of Operation Safe Haven swiftly responded to both incidents and brought the situation under control. Unfortunately, one person was killed and another injured at the mining site.

"On the unfortunate attack on commuters, three persons lost their lives. Two other passengers sustained varying degrees of injury and six others were rescued.

"While assuring that everything would be done to bring perpetrators of the violence to book, General Ibrahim Ali urges law abiding citizens to remain calm as troops are already on the trail of the perpetrators of the attacks."