

# Gunmen kill 4 in Taraba

•Police confirm 3 dead in Kogi

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**No fewer than four persons have been reportedly killed by gunmen in Kambari Amar village of Karim-Lamido Local Government Area of Taraba State after the presidential and National Assembly elections on Saturday.**

Taraba State police public relations officer (PPRO), David Misal, who confirmed the incident, said the victims were killed while going back home after casting their votes in the elections.

According to the police spokesperson, the command has beefed up security in the affected area.

Meanwhile, the All Progressives Congress (APC) and the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in the state have begun trading blames over the killings, with each accusing the other of masterminding the murders.

“We are very much aware that the attack was carried out by the PDP, knowing full well that they have lost that part of the local government council to our party,” said the APC spokesperson, Aaron Arthimas.

But the spokesperson of the PDP, Inuwa Bakari, said the attack had nothing to do with his political party, “because the election was peacefully conducted in the area and the state as a whole.”

He added that the area where the incident occurred had been a flashpoint, where bandits usually carried out their dastardly acts.

Meanwhile, police in Kogi State have confirmed the killing of three persons during Saturday’s elections.

The spokesman for the state police command, DSP William Aya, while confirming the deaths, said that two persons were killed on election day, while the third person, a police inspector, was killed on the eve of the elections.

He said the incidents occurred in Ayingba, Dekina Local Government Area, and Odolu, Igalamela Local Government Area, in Kogi East senatorial district.

Aya said the deceased officer, identified as Mohammed Hammani, was killed on the eve of the election in Okene, while in company with an aide of the state governor, but assured that the situation in Okene, Ayingba and Odolu had been brought under control.



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