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4 killed in fresh Taraba attack

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Four people have been killed by gunmen in Murbai community of Ardo-Kola Local Government Area of Taraba State.

Two of the victims, who escaped the scene, Beauty Raphael and Mary Godfrey, said the armed men came on motorcycles.

According to Raphael, the assailants surrounded the residents and started shooting.

She explained that she had gone to a farm with six others on motorcycles to buy maize to sell, only to be shot by gunmen.

She said: “We went to buy maize for sale. On approaching the farm, some gunmen stopped and surrounded us.

“We were ahead of others; then they opened fire on those behind and killed them. I can only confirm the death of four, I don’t know if others escaped or not.”

Godfrey said: “The deceased we are mourning are three women and one man.

“One of the women is my sister; she went to get firewood for evening food as they have been displaced for long. We know one of them, he is by name Sani.”

Both women said they escaped through the bush paths and ran to a nearby village for safety.

They added that the remains of the victims have been deposited at the morgue of the Federal Medical Centre, Jalingo.

The police public relations officer in Taraba, David Misal, said the Divisional Police Officer in charge of Ardo-Kola was yet to brief him on the incident.

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