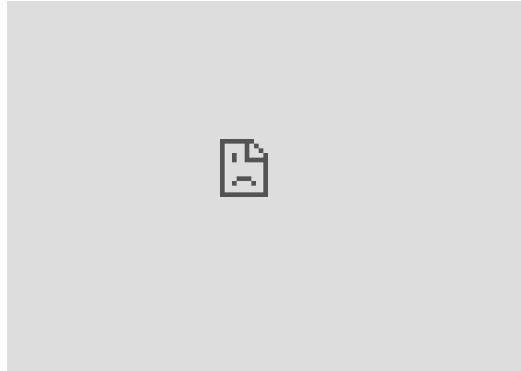



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No fewer than nine persons have been killed in Takum town, Takum Local Government Area of Taraba State in a fresh attack by Jukun youths yesterday.

The state police public relations officer, David Misal, who confirmed the development, he could only confirm the death of two people in the incident.

“One person was killed on a farm land that is under dispute this morning. Some Jukun youths attacked and killed someone, who allegedly is a relation to the people who were in dispute over the said parcel of land with the slain man, in what looks like a reprisal attack.”


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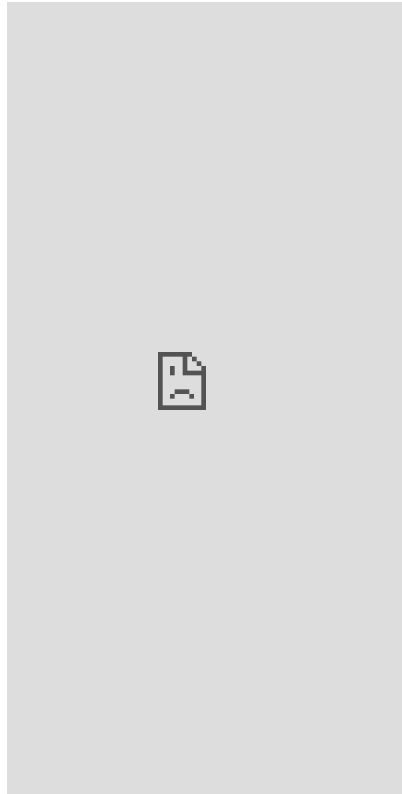
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“The land matter has been in court and two months ago, a relation of the person the same land today was killed on the same farm. But we have since brought the under control,” Misal said.



Takum is the hometown of Governor Ishaku.

Multiple sources in Takum, however, started yesterday morning when a Ju was killed on his farm along Takum- and irate Jukun youths in Takum were on rampage, attacking and killing at least people in the town, all of them of Tiv

In a telephone interview with our correspondent Mr. Nathaniel Jato, said: “We counted eight dead bodies around the General Junction and Zenith Bank around the Roundabout.

“We were told that many people were around Rimi Primary School area, but tension, so we can’t go there.

“The Caretaker Committee Chairman of Local Government Area, Hon. Shibar assured us that the situation would resolve. But I am afraid the situation might demand adequate security measures are not put in place.”

Jato, who said there was threat that their houses would be attacked in the night by Ishaku and the security agencies to quickly restore peace in the area to pave way for investigation into the matter.

There has been growing hostilities between the Tiv and Jukun in the southern part of the state, especially in Wukari, and constant fears that the situation could spiral to a full-scale war in the zone.

Meanwhile, Ishaku, who turned 65 yesterday, has cancelled all forms of celebration to commiserate with the victims of the crisis in the state, and called on the people to come together to give peace a chance so that there could be development.

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