

5 Tiv family members killed in Nasarawa

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THE Nasarawa State Police Command has confirmed the killing of five Tiv family members by suspected gunmen.

The command's Public Relations Officer, ASP Ramhan Nansel, who confirmed this in a statement yesterday, said the incident occurred at about 2300hrs.

He said the command received information that unknown gunmen were shooting sporadically in a particular compound at Gidan Sule village, along Lafia-Makurdi road.

He added: "Upon receipt of the information, a detachment of police personnel, comprising Police Mobile Force, Counter Terrorism Unit, Vigilante and Hunters, with support from the military, were immediately deployed to the area where the attackers were repelled."

He said four corpses were recovered at the scene, three injured victims were rescued and rushed to the Odumu Hospital for medical attention, while one person later died while receiving treatment at the same hospital.

Consequently, the Commissioner

of Police, Nasarawa State, CP. Bola Longe, who was recently promoted to the rank of Assistant Inspector General of Police, has deployed additional police personnel, led by Area Commander Awe, ACP Dankwano D. Wilson, to go after the perpetrators of the dastardly act.

Meanwhile, the commissioner of police has condoled with the families of the deceased and assured that the police command was doing everything humanly possible to arrest and bring to book the perpetrators of the act.