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Two killed as armed youths attack Taraba CP



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were shot dead.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), ASP David Misal, told journalists in that the commissioner had gone to the area with a team of officers to restore normalcy following reports of youth unrest only for him to be stoned in the head. Misal, who said Akinremi, was rushed to the hospital where he was treated and later discharged, also said that several arrests had been made following the crisis.

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He said: “Yesterday, some irate youths armed with dangerous weapons including cutlasses and other objects started disturbing the peace of residents around Tudun Wada, Boboji areas of Jalingo town.

Our men were deployed there and normalcy returned. “However, this morning (yesterday) we got reports that the boys had come out again in large numbers brandishing these weapons and attacking innocent citizens, the situation was so bad that the commissioner decided to go there himself with other officers. “In the course of addressing the youth to calm them down, he was stoned in the head and was immediately rushed to the hospital where he was treated for his injuries.



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Misal warned that the command would never sit back and watch people take the law hands and unleash mayhem on the people. He added: “I can assure you that the command would make sure that normalcy is completely maintained in the area and the perpetrators of this crime are brought to book.

Thorough investigation will be carried out. “Let me use this opportunity to call on the public to always report any suspicious element to the police promptly with great confidence that their identity would be safeguarded. The police in the state operate with the best professional practice and would not tolerate anyone assaulting officers who are making sacrifices to ensure the protection of lives and property of citizens.”

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The PPRO, who said he could not ascertain the number of those killed, 60 youths were in Jalingo. The Jalingo main market was later shut down, while business and social activities were paralysed in the state capital. In the last couple of weeks, Jalingo has come under following sporadic attacks on innocent citizens by irate youths who move around at night with dangerous weapons to dispossess them of their belongings.

