Agency vows to find killers of 3 children in Niger

THE Child Rights Protection Agency in Niger State, yesterday, vowed to uncover the killers of three children during an attack on Yakpa village, Shiroro Local Government Area of the state.

The Director-General of the agency, Mrs Mairam Kolo, who visited families of the deceased at Gwada Hospital, where one survivor was receiving treatment, described the killing as "wicked and heartless."

Unidentified gunmen attacked a Fulani community in Yakpa on September 15, and killed three children, aged between three and five.

Kolo said the agency will work with relevant security agencies and volunteers to ensure that the perpetrators were arrested and prosecuted.

She directed the immediate transfer of the survivor to Minna General Hospital for proper medical care, pledging that the agency will settle the medical bill.

The Director-General advised residents to report their problems to appropriate authority rather than take laws into their hands.

Also, the Director-General of the state Agency for Nomadic Affairs, Alhaji Abdullahi Babayo, appealed to the families of the victims not to retaliate, assuring them that efforts were on to apprehend the killers.

Earlier, grandmother of the deceased, Hajiya Maryam Umar, said the attack was perpetrated by a neighbouring community, adding that the corpses of the three children were still missing.

Spokesman of the state Police Command, DSP Babalola Olanrewaju, confirmed the incident and said that the Police had since commenced investigation.