

# 14 residents, others killed as militiamen attack Taraba community

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**14** people were yesterday, feared dead after suspected militiamen attacked a community in Taraba State.



Residents said the attackers were from Benue State, suggesting it was part of the raging Tiv-Junkun violence. Community sources said the attackers entered Takum yesterday, and opened fire on residents, leaving dozens dead.

The death toll was still being determined by the Police and emergency officials as of Sunday night, but a member of the local vigilante group claimed 14 residents were killed.

About 20 militiamen were also reportedly gunned down after Takum residents pursued them into the bush to ward off the attack, the local, who spoke on condition of anonymity, added.

Taraba State Police Command spokesman said: "The attack occurred in the morning and security agents were deployed there. They have been combing the area to flush out any attacker, who may be hiding nearby."

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