

How gunmen killed Miyetti Allah leaders in Nasarawa – Police

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• *Fulani Peace Summit underway*

Gunmen suspected to be bandits attacked and killed two Chairmen of Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association in Nasarawa on Friday at about 9.30pm.

Mohammed Hussaini, state Chairman of the association, and Muhammed Umar, Toto Local Government Area Chairman, according to the police, were attacked and killed at about 9.30 pm in Garaku market in Kakana LGA. The Police said a distress information was received alerting the Command of the attack.

Nasarawa State Police Command Public Relations Officer (PPRO), ASP Ramham Nansel, who confirmed the incident, yesterday

morning, said, upon the receipt of the information, the Commissioner of Police, Bola Longe, swiftly deployed Operation Puff Adder II personnel to the scene where two corpses were recovered and taken to hospital for post-mortem examination.

He said the bodies of the victims had been deposited at Anthony Memorial Hospital mortuary, Garaku.

According to the PPRO, the Commissioner of Police had condoled with the families of the deceased persons and assured members of the public that the Command will do everything to bring the perpetrators of the dastardly act to book.

The police boss, while calling on members of the public to volunteer useful information, further assured that such information will be treated with utmost confidentiality.

Miyetti Allah members, herdsmen, had been in the eye of the storm over their relationship with native farmers across the country as they have been blamed for allowing their cattle to eat farmers' crops, leading to the killing of natives in subsequent conflicts.

Peace Summit

Meanwhile, the National President of Miyetti Allah Kautal-Hore, Alhaji Bello

Abdullah Bodego, in collaboration with the Senior Pastor, Yoke Breakers Prophetic Ministry, Abuja, Most Reverend Ugokwe Prince, and other religious stakeholders in country, has finalized plans to host the Fulani National Peace Summit in Abuja.

Making this known, the organisers stated that the conference was in view of deliberations on the national benefits of the summit to Nigerians, especially at this time of crises; to educate and enlighten the Fulani community including nomadic herdsmen, the importance of peaceful co-existence and interpersonal relations among farming communities and herdsmen in the country.