

Village head, 2 policemen, others killed as gunmen invade Nasarawa community

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LAFLA —Tragedy struck in Katakpa community of Toto Local Government Area of Nasarawa State, Monday, as gunmen stormed the village, killing the village head, Alhaji Abubakar Ahmadu and 13 others in a fresh attack on the community.

It will be recalled that the community had earlier come under attack, including a police station where two policemen lost their lives during the attack while on call duty.

Among those killed, according to sources, were two policemen and 11 other residents of the village.

Confirming the incident, a

resident of the village, Ibrahim Shuaibu, said the gunmen launched the attack about 2a.m., on Monday, adding that in the process, they set ablaze some houses.

Chairman of Toto LGA, Abdullahi Tashas, also confirmed the attack and the killings, adding that he was yet to get details of the casualties in the attack. Contacted, state police command Public Relations Officer, Ramhan Nansel, said he was yet to issue a statement on the matter.

It will be further recalled that on January 1, 2024, gunmen invaded Katakpa, killed eight persons and set houses ablaze, including the palace of the village head, as well as vehicles.

Meanwhile, Speaker, Nasarawa State House of Assembly, Danladi Jatau has urged Governor Abdullahi Sule to urgently liaise with military to set up military base in Katakpa ward, Toto LGA to reduce the consistent militia attacks in the area.

He said: "Our resolution is to the effect that we urge the state government to direct security agencies to deploy their men to Katakpa and to set up military base in Katakpa community to maintain peace and order.

"Second, we urge Governor Sule to provide relief materials and shelter to the displaced persons. Third, we urge the governor to provide security to flashing points in the state, particularly rural areas."