



Taraba Police recover 7 dead bodies after gunmen attacked passengers

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JALINGO—Seven dead bodies have reportedly been recovered after gunmen attacked a commuter bus, which left Zaki Biam in Benue State en route Maihula in Bali Local Government Area of the state.

This came as Governor Agbu Kefas of the state has directed security operatives to apprehend those responsible for the attack.

The armed men had attacked the 18-seater bus while passing through Gamkwe village, Donga Local Government Area of the state on Wednesday.

The state Commissioner of Police, Mr. David Iloyonomon confirmed this to newsmen.

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In a statement by Commissioner for Information and Re-orientation, Zainab Jalingo, Governor Kefas condemned the killings of some commuters, saying: "Dr. Agbu Kefas has condemned in strong terms the

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killings of travellers from Zaki-Biam in Benue state to Maihula in Taraba State.

"The governor has also called for calm and directed security agencies, who are already working to ensure law and order in the general area, to further ensure that there is no escalation of the situation.

"Governor Kefas warns groups or individuals against taking laws into their hands and charged security agencies to go after those behind the dastardly act.

"While he condoles with the families of those that lost their lives in the unfortunate attack, Governor Kefas reiterates his administration's resolve to ensure peace, security, and well-being of all Tarabans irrespective of their tribes or other affiliations."

Tiv group fumes

Meanwhile, the Tiv Cultural and Social Association in Taraba State has condemned the attack on the commuter bus.

President-General of the group, James Baka, in a statement, yesterday, urged security agencies to arrest perpetrators of the dastardly act.

According to him, "We condemned the killing of these innocent commuters and call on Taraba State government and security agencies to deploy every available means to make available the corps of the already slain passengers, who boarded the bus, so that they could be given befitting burial.

"We also call on security agencies to ensure immediate arrest of all the suspects and launch an investigation into the issue in order to prosecute the culprits for the crimes committed.

"Finally, the state government should expedite efforts to resettle displaced persons along the area in order to prevent criminals from taking advantage of the deserted places to perpetrate their criminal activities."