

Gunmen invade Taraba community, kill two, burn houses

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Hundreds of young men armed with guns on Friday invaded Danancha village in Gasol Local Government Area of Taraba State, killing two persons, burning over hundred houses and destroying other property worth millions of Naira. Consequently, many residents were displaced.

The gunmen invaded the village at about 3pm and started burning houses, shooting sporadically without any provocation from residents.

Danancha has been under attacks following Tiv and Jukun's clashes since the renaming of the village by Taraba state government from Danancha to Kwararafa village.

A joint security operatives have since been deployed and stationed in the village to keep peace among the people.

The former Special Assistant to governor Darius Ishaku, Hon. Jerry Tyolanga who is a resident of Dananacha told DAILY POST on phone that several houses were burnt with property worth millions of Naira destroyed, while two persons were found dead with bullet wounds.

It was also gathered that the gunmen carried out the destruction from 3pm to 6pm without been stopped by the joint security forces that have been stationed in the village.

Another resident of Dananacha, Mr Jaspa Danu, while speaking with our correspondent said normalcy has returned to the village as more military forces were deployed to the area to control the situation.

Phone numbers of the caretaker chairman of Gasol local government council, Hon. Tanko Maikerfi were off at the time of this report.

Even though our correspondent witnessed a massive exodus of villagers who were running to take refuge in Jalingo, the state capital, the Police Public Relations Officer, PPRO Taraba state command, DSP David Misar said he was yet to be briefed by the DPO of the Danancha, when he was contacted for comment.