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GOMBE (AP) - A pastor says gunmen have attacked a church in northeast Nigeria, killing at least three people and wounding others.

Johnson Jauro of the Deeper Life Church in Gombe, the capital of Gombe state, said the attack happened around 7 p.m. Thursday. Jauro said he heard gunfire everywhere and lost his wife in the assault on the church.

Police confirmed the attack happened in Gombe, but declined to offer any details.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack.

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