

3 killed in fresh Plateau attack, as troops neutralise 10 gunmen

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At least eight people were killed while four others were injured in another attack in Vole community, Kwatas district of Bokkos Local Government Area of Plateau State.

This is as troops of the Nigerian military attached with Operation Enduring Peace neutralised 10 terrorists and rescued several kidnapped victims during a clearance operation in the state.

The fresh attack, which occurred Thursday night, happened a day after a similar attack was launched at a mining site in Kok village, Ropp district and Chenye village, Bachi district of Barkin Ladi and Riyom local government areas of the state, where two people were killed.

The chairman of the Plateau Youth Council in Bokkos, Dakol James, who confirmed the latest incident to journalists, explained that the attack occurred between 8pm and 9 pm.

James condemned the incident, while calling on the government to

intervene and bring an end to what he described as tragic.

"The entire Bokkos youths are very disappointed with the security. As at this morning, none of the security forces were on the ground to assess the situation.

"It has been about 12 hours now and we haven't seen any security agency," he said.

Also speaking to our correspondent, the chairman of Gan Allah Fulani Development Association (GAFDAN) in Bokkos, Saleh Adamu, condemned the incident, saying, "I was surprised to hear that the community was attacked after enjoying peace for some time now. There wasn't any incident that would warrant this.

"We have been having meetings and peace is gradually returning, only for us to hear this. It is quite unfortunate and condemnable.

"We don't know who are responsible for it. We call on security forces to investigate those responsible and bring them to justice."

Both the spokespersons of

Operation Enduring Peace and the state police command - Captain Polycap Oteh and SP Alabo Alfred respectively - are yet to respond to enquiries on the development.

Meanwhile, the troops attached with Operation Enduring Peace during a clearance operation dismantled criminal camps in Daji Madam forest between Daba and Seri villages of Plateau State.

The development followed recent exchange of gunfire between terrorists and soldiers, leading to the death of some soldiers and vigilantes in Wanka community of Keram district of Kanam Local Government Area of the state.

Confirming the incident, the spokesperson of Operation Enduring Peace, Captain Polycarp Oteh, described the operation as a "successful and decisive blow against terrorists."

The military officer explained that the operation was conducted in conjunction with vigilantes in the area to rescue some kidnapped victims.