

Attacks claim 6 lives in Plateau

In Plateau State, six people were killed while eight others sustained injuries on Sunday night in two separate attacks on communities in Barkin Ladi and Riyom Local Government Areas.

The National Publicity Secretary of the Berom Youth Moulders Association (BYM), Rwang Tenglong, who confirmed the incidents, said the attacks had thrown the affected communities into fear.

Tenglong explained that the first incident occurred at about 10pm on Sunday, when gunmen invaded the Hurum-Gashish community in Barkin Ladi and opened fire on residents, killing four people and injuring five others.

In a related development, the BYM disclosed that two people were killed while three others were injured in Shonong Bachi community of Riyom LGA.

Tenglong said the attack in Riyom took place around 11pm.

The Plateau State Chairman of the Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association of Nigeria (MACBAN), Ibrahim Yusuf Babayo, said the association was not aware of the incidents and called on security agencies to investigate and ensure the arrest of the perpetrators.

Efforts to reach the spokesperson of Operation Enduring Peace, Captain Polycarp Oteh and Police Public Relations Officer in Plateau, SP Alfred Alabo, for confirmation were unsuccessful, as they had yet to respond to messages sent to them as of press time.