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10 killed, one injured in fresh attacks on Plateau, Niger communities

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FOUR civilians have been reported killed, and several houses have been razed after bandits attacked two communities and a hospital in a renewed communal violence between the Fulani and Kamuku groups in the Rafi Local Council Area of Niger State.

Disclosing this in a post on X yesterday, a security expert, Zagazola Makama, said the attacks occurred on July 4, adding that troops of the 45 Battalion deployed at the Forward Operating Base (FOB), Kagara, confirmed the attack after patrolling to Baka Cin Hatsi and adjoining villages on receiving reports of the violence.

According to him, the troops confirmed that the attackers invaded Anguwan Gizo and Anguwan Karaya villages, killing four civilians and setting several houses ablaze. He added that the assailants also raided Asmau Hospital, where some displaced Fulani residents had sought refuge from the violence.

In Plateau State, the Berom Youth Moulders Association (BYM) has condemned the fresh wave of coordinated attacks in which six persons were reportedly killed and one woman critically injured.

The BYM said the attacks on Ta-Hoss and Sabon Layi in Riyom and Barkin Ladi local council areas, respectively, were allegedly carried out by armed Fulani terrorists over the weekend, and also at Kwi in Riyom local council area in the early hours of Sunday.