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Gunmen kill father, mother, seven children in Plateau attack



A family of nine members has been wiped out in a fresh gunmen attack in Wereng and Kum villages of Riyom Local Government Area of Plateau State.

The Berom Youth Moulders Association (BYM) confirmed the killings in a statement.

According to Rwang Tengwong, the National Publicity Secretary of BYM, the attack took place between 11pm and 1am on Saturday.

He said the bandits from Fass, one of the terrorist enclaves in Jol Community, killed the family members, while Mr. Pam Yohanna, 40, sustained life-threatening injuries.

The victims were identified as Mrs. Celina James, 38, Mr. Yohanna James, 21, Mrs Janet Yohanna, 18, Baby Jennifer Yohanna, three months, Miss Sele James, 18, Miss Melody James, 16, Reto James, 10, Endurance James, 8 and Peace James, 3.”

The gunmen were said to have killed the father, mother and their seven children in cold blood.

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“This latest massacre is yet another painful reminder of the recurring attacks that continue to claim the lives of innocent civilians across Plateau State and other parts of Northcentral. Entire families have been wiped out, villages repeatedly invaded, homes destroyed, and thousands of residents displaced from their ancestral communities,” he added.

The BYM expressed concern over the attacks targeting predominantly Christian farming communities.

“We call on the Federal Government to intensify efforts to protect vulnerable communities, dismantle terrorist hideouts, apprehend and prosecute the perpetrators of these attacks, and ensure justice for victims and their families. We also urge the government to provide adequate humanitarian assistance and support for displaced persons whose lives have been devastated by the violence.

“Furthermore, we call on the international community including the United Nations, the United States, the African Union, the European Union, ECOWAS, international human rights organisations, faith-based institutions, and diplomatic missions—to pay urgent attention to the deteriorating humanitarian and security situation in Northcentral Nigeria.

“We appeal for independent monitoring and investigation of these recurring attacks, increased humanitarian assistance for affected communities, and sustained engagement with the Nigerian authorities to ensure the protection of civilians and accountability for those responsible.

“The continued bloodshed in Plateau State must not be ignored. The lives of innocent men, women, and children deserve protection, justice, and lasting peace. The time for decisive action is now,” he added.