

# Gunmen kill seven in Plateau community

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NO fewer than seven persons were killed over the weekend by gunmen suspected to be Fulani militias at the Kwi community in the Riyom Local Government area of the state.

The Berom Youth Moulders Association, in a statement signed by its Secretary General, Mr. Bature Iliya Adazaram, said the gunmen, entered the community through Fass, a settlement established by way of land grabbing in the state.

It identified those killed as Ishaya Raymond, 52; Gyang Raymond; Dauda Yakubu; Sunday Adamu, 33; Calvin Elisha, 34; and Isaac Gyang, and stated that the attack occurred after the same two armed elements on motor-bikes from Fass attacked and shot dead Mr. Kurang Daniel, who was harvesting his maize at about 4:00 pm.

The group mentioned that the suspected Fulani militias had early falsely framed up a lot of fallacies

to security operatives that the natives of Kwi attacked their cows, which has not been proved, as there is no trace of any cow touched or herder attacked, adding that no report has been established after a thorough search to ascertain such a claim.

"This is not new to us that anytime Fulani militants have planned an attack, they will always frame up false accusations, labeling our people as aggressors so as to divert attention and justify a pogrom on innocent people," Adazaram said.

The group, therefore, appealed to Sector 4 Operation Enduring Peace to use all its arsenals and professionalism to arrest those who made such "a baseless and misleading call," as well as claim for onward investigation and necessary prosecution.

Spokesman for the Plateau State police command, SP Alfred Alabo, could not be reached for comment on the latest killings.