

# Gunmen kill three vigilantes in Plateau

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**G**UNMEN who have been terrorising parts of Plateau State struck again on Saturday, this time in the Sabon-Layi community in Gwol District of Barkin Ladi Local Government Area, killing three vigilantes and injuring others.

According to a neighborhood source, the incident occurred at approximately

11:00pm on Saturday.

The source stated that the vigilantes were caught unawares by the gunmen who attacked them with more sophisticated weapons. He added that the vigilantes had to run for their lives when they could not match the gunmen's superior force.

Spokesperson for the Berom Youth Moulders, Mr. Rwang Tengwong, confirmed the incident, describing the killings as a direct

attack on the community's efforts to safeguard lives and property.

He said the slain vigilantes were part of a local security arrangement established to protect residents from the recurring attacks that have plagued the area.

Tengwong lamented the worsening security situation in Barkin Ladi, saying residents had continued to live in fear despite the presence of security personnel.

"The attackers came and

killed these men who were risking their lives to safeguard the community," he said.

He called on the Plateau State Government and the Federal Government to strengthen security in the area by deploying additional personnel to prevent further attacks.

Efforts to obtain the reaction of the spokesperson for the Plateau State police command, Alfred Alabo, were unsuccessful.