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Gunmen kill family of nine, including two-month-old baby, in Plateau

Injures community head

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NINE members of the same family, including a two-month-old baby, were killed by gunmen, on Saturday, in Wareng camp settlement of Riyom Local Government Area of Plateau State, while the village head was injured.

A local source claimed that the gunmen attacked the community at 11:30 p.m, went on rampage for over an hour, firing intermittently at different directions.

In the process, nine people of the same family, including the baby, residing in the same house were killed, while the village head was equally attacked in his residence and severly injured.

A resident of the community, Precious Tok, further stated that the victims were killed in their home during the coordinated assault, describing the incident as one of the terrible attacks in the area in recent times.

He said the gunmen invaded the communities in a large number, shooting

indiscriminately and forcing residents to flee into nearby bush.

The National Publicity Secretary of the Berom Youth Moulders Association, Rwang Tengwong, who confirmed the attack, said the assailants struck under the cover of darkness and unleashed violence on helpless residents.

According to him, the attackers killed nine members of a family, including the infant, while the village head sustained life-threatening injuries and was

rushed to hospital.

He said security agencies had been alerted, and expressed hope that the perpetrators would be apprehended and brought to justice.

The affected communities have urged the federal and state governments to strengthen security across Riyom and other vulnerable areas to halt the recurring attacks.

Efforts to obtain official confirmation from the Plateau State Police Command were unsuccessful.

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