

Gunmen shoot varsity student dead in Plateau



•Plateau CP, Ewah. Photo: File

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A 300-level student of the Federal University of Education, Pankshin, has been killed by gunmen in Dum Village, Bachi District, Riyom Local Government Area of Plateau State.

PUNCH Metro learnt on Tuesday that the victim, identified as Badung Alamba, 29, was ambushed and shot dead on Monday night.

Residents of the Bachi community, including Timothy John, confirmed the killing to *The PUNCH* in Jos on Tuesday.

According to John, the deceased and his companion, Dachomo Habila, were fired upon by gunmen who had positioned themselves at the entrance of the village.

"While Habila escaped unhurt, Alamba lost his life in the attack," John said.

The incident has been condemned by the Berom Youth Moulders' Association, which described the attack as "a premeditated, calculated, and barbaric assault on innocent civilians".

The association's National Publicity

Secretary, Rwang Tengwong, called for an immediate and thorough investigation into the killing and urged security agencies to track down the perpetrators and their sponsors and bring them to justice.

"The terrorists deliberately targeted peaceful Berom communities in Riyom, Barkin Ladi, and Jos South Local Government Areas," Tengwong said, urging security operatives to strengthen surveillance and protection around vulnerable communities.

A community member, Dung Elisha, described the attack as "sad," noting that Alamba was the only child of his mother. "He was her only child," Elisha said, expressing shock and grief over the incident.

Efforts to reach the Plateau State Police Command for comments were unsuccessful at the time of filing this report, as calls to the Command's spokesman, Alabo Alfred, went unanswered.

This comes less than a week after a student of the Niger Delta University, Amassoma, Bayelsa State, identified simply as Christian, was killed by suspected cultists.

A police source in the state told our correspondent on Sunday that the incident occurred on Thursday night at Christian's apartment within the university community.

The victim, a student of the Faculty of Engineering, was reportedly attacked after assailants stormed his residence in search of his roommate.