

Plateau: Gunmen kill 5 in Barkin Ladi ambush

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Less than 48 hours after gunmen killed four people, including a pregnant woman, at Mazat mining site in Fan District, Barkin Ladi Local Government, Plateau State, five persons have been mowed down by rampaging gunmen in the same Fan District of Barkin Ladi.

This brings to nine the number of people killed in the same district in the last two days.

Our correspondent gathered that the latest incident, which happened on Sunday night, has added to the heightened apprehension of a reprisal in some parts of Plateau, especially in neighbouring local governments, Jos South, Riyom and Mangu, where similar attacks had killed many residents.

The victims were said to have been ambushed at about 9 p.m. penultimate Sunday by the gunmen while they were returning to their homes.

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Four persons were said to have died on the spot, while the fifth victim gave up the ghost while receiving treatment in a hospital.

The Publicity Secretary of Berom Youth Moulders, Rwang Tengwong, who confirmed the incident in a statement in Jos yesterday, described the attack as unfortunate and called for extra vigilance by security agencies and residents.

He specifically called on security agencies to prevent further attacks by intensifying efforts to protect the lives and property of residents in the area.

The latest incident came at a time youths of the area had called on the special security outfit deployed to keep peace in the state, Operation Enduring Peace (OPEP), to rejig its security architecture and map out new strategies to confront the spate of attacks in Berom land.