

8 Residents Killed, Scores Injured As Bandits Invade Another Plateau Community

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Bandits

No fewer than eight people have been confirmed killed with over 15 injured in an attack by suspected bandits who invaded the Gwon-Ajang Village of Foron District in Barkin Ladi Local Government Area of Plateau State on Sunday, May 31.

A resident of the community, Joseph Azi, who confirmed the attack in a telephone chat yesterday, said the bandits, who were over 100 and heavily armed, stormed the village at about 10pm and shot indiscriminately, causing the residents who had retired for the night to scamper for safety.

"The terrorists invaded GwonAjang Village of Foron District in Barkin Ladi Local Government Area at about 10pm on Sunday. "They were more than 100 and heavily armed. The people had already retired to their beds when the bandits invaded the village.



"Immediately they entered the village, they started shooting while shouting "Allahu'Akbar" and speaking the Fulani language all through. "They operated for over two hours while the people made frantic calls to security agencies, but they did not come to their rescue.

By the time the terrorists left, eight people were killed while over 15 others sustained injuries," Azi said. National Publicity Secretary of the Berom Youths Moulder-Association, BYM, Rwang Tengwong, also confirmed the attack, but said he was yet to gather enough information but promised to release a statement once he has been able to ascertain the facts and figures.

Confirming the attack, the Plateau State Police Command however said five people were killed in the attack. Police Public Relations Officer, Alfred Alabo, said officers of the Gindiri Division received a distress call at about 9:22 p.m. on Sunday, May 31, 2026, and immediately mobilised to the scene.

He explained that the attack occurred while residents were gathered for a social event. "We got a call of a shooting that happened around Gwan-Ajang Village, and we mobilised men to stabilise the situation.

"From what we gathered, some members of the community were having an occasion or a party when they suddenly heard sporadic shooting," he said.

According to the PPRO, officers arrived to a grim scene: "When our men got there, they met some persons in pools of their blood. As I speak to you, five of them were confirmed dead," Alabo stated.