

Gunmen Kill 22 In Fresh Plateau Attack, Health Workers, Patients Among Victims

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No fewer than 22 persons, including health workers, patients and security personnel, were reportedly killed in a fresh attack on Kawel Community in Mushere District of Bokkos Local Government Area of Plateau State on Sunday night.

The latest assault, which residents described as coordinated and brutal, occurred at about 11:40 p.m. when heavily armed gunmen invaded the community and opened fire on sleeping residents, forcing many to flee into nearby bushes.

Sources in the area said the attackers also stormed the community's Primary Health Care Centre, where they reportedly shot health workers on duty and patients receiving treatment.

A resident of Bokkos, Malo Bitrus, said the assailants operated for several minutes without resistance, leaving behind multiple casualties and several injured persons. "The attackers came around 11:40 p.m. and started shooting indiscriminately.

Many people were killed while others sustained serious injuries," he said. A Red Cross official involved in emergency response efforts, who spoke on condition of anonymity, confirmed that the health facility was among the targets of the attackers.

"The gunmen entered the hospital and opened fire on both health personnel and patients. Among those killed are civilians and security operatives.

Several others sustained gunshot and machete wounds and have been evacuated for treatment," the official disclosed. Confirming the incident, the Bokkos Youth Leader, Christopher Luka, said information about the attack reached community leaders shortly after midnight.

"A youth leader called me around 12 a.m. informing me that gunmen had attacked the community and shot several people. As of now, 22 deaths have been confirmed," Luka said.