

Again, Gunmen Kill Three, Injure One in Fresh Plateau Attack 48 Hours After Tinubu's Visit

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Barely 48 hours after President Bola Tinubu visited Plateau State, three persons were killed and one injured on Friday evening when gunmen ambushed a group of youths in Nyango Gyel, Jos South Local Government Area of Plateau State, heightening concerns over renewed insecurity in the state.

The victims, identified as Luka Sandu Pam (36), Samuel Davou (38), and Deme Saidu (35), were returning from Gero on a motorbike at about 7 p.m. when they were attacked.

Eyewitnesses said the assailants opened fire without warning, forcing the group to flee in different directions. Gyel Youth Leader, Dung Davou, confirmed the deaths and described the attack as “unprovoked and deeply troubling.”

“We started hearing sporadic gunshots, and everyone scattered. Unfortunately, three of our people were killed,” he said, urging security agencies to act decisively to prevent further violence.

At the scene of the attack, Chairman of Berom Youth Moulder Association, Solomon Dalyop, condemned the killings, describing it as a stark reminder of the fragile security situation in Plateau State. He said the victims had gone to observe Good Friday activities and were thereafter ambushed on their way home.

“These young men went to mark Good Friday and were returning home when they were ambushed and killed. This is heartbreaking,” he said.

Dalyop disclosed that community leaders recently held a security meeting with Fulani representatives at the Sector 2 Command of the Nigerian Army in Jos South, where they raised concerns about the movement of unidentified persons around Gero, Rafin Bauna, and Dutsen Kura in the Miyango-Bassa axis.

“We were informed about suspicious movements in these areas, and we have since cautioned our people to be vigilant, especially at night,” he said.

He warned that the situation could escalate if urgent

measures are not taken, alleging that armed groups have occupied bushes across parts of the state. According to him, only the police responded after the attack, evacuating the injured survivor to the medical facility for attention.

Residents of Nyango Gyel have called for increased security deployment and improved surveillance to forestall further attacks as preparations begin for the burial of the victims.

The latest incident adds to a series of violent attacks recorded in Plateau State in recent months, raising renewed concerns about the safety of rural communities and the effectiveness of ongoing security interventions.