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No fewer than eight people are suspected to have been killed in a night attack in Heipang, on the outskirts of Jos, by unknown

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persons, residents said on Monday.

The attack came just as the Commissioner of Police in Plateau State, Emmanuel Ayeni, confirmed the arrest of three

suspects in connection with the killing of a commercial motorcyclist in Jos on Sunday.

Ayeni said the suspects had made confessional statements and would soon be charged to court.

Some residents of Heipang community said that the attackers used machetes and knives to kill their victims, while they were sleeping.

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The incident sparked off a violent protest in the area as angry residents barricaded the Jos-Mangu road, burning tyres and preventing motorists access to the area.

“The situation there is rather tense and we have directed that no vehicles should ply the road as the angry protesters may just attack anyone on sight,” said Ayeni. “Police personnel have swiftly moved into the area to prevent further attacks and also ward off any reprisal that may be visited on innocent passers-by.”

Ayeni said that the police were making efforts to restore law and order in the area. “We are still investigating; we are not sure of the casualty figure as yet but they are not many,” he said.

He explained that the order restraining motorists from plying the road was to safeguard lives and property. “We don’t want to heighten the situation because the residents are protesting and we don’t want to use force on the protesters,” he said. “But the

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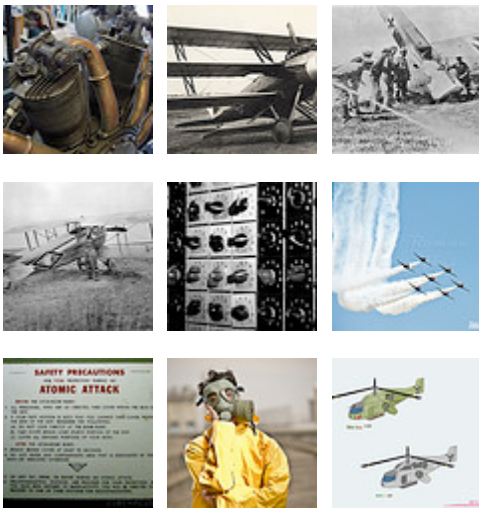
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situation is gradually being brought under control.”

The state Commissioner for Information, Yiljap Abraham, confirmed the incident but added that the state government would come out with a position on the attack. “Yes, there was an attack in Heipang; we are coming out with a position on that and we will get across the media very shortly,” he said.

Meanwhile, members of the Special Task Force (STF), maintaining security in Plateau, have mounted patrols in major streets in the city in an effort to check a breakdown of law and order.

The STF spokesman, Capt. Charles Ekeocha, confirmed the incident. “We are still investigating the matter,” he said.

“Currently, we are preoccupied with restoring law and order. We will get back to you soon.”

The soldiers escorted vehicles plying the Jos-Abuja road to



protect them from attacks.

As at the time of this report, Governor Jonah Jang was said to be in a meeting with security chiefs over the development.

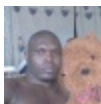
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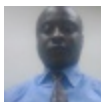
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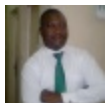
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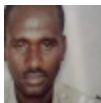
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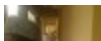
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