

# Jos: 12 killed in twin attacks

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TWO villages in Barkin Ladi local government of Plateau State have again been attacked by unknown gunmen, leaving 12 persons, mostly women and children dead. The attacks were on Kakpwis village of Foron District, where former Deputy Senate President, John Wash Pam hails from and Kuzen Village of Gashes district, both of Barkin-Ladi Local Government Area of Plateau State. The attackers were said to

have arrived the two villages almost within the same time-frame at about 11:00pm. Five Children, two women and two men were killed at Kakpwis and three others killed at Kuzen village mainly from gunshot wounds and machete cuts.

Another of the victims who suffered serious injuries has been taken to the Air Force Hospital Jos where he is receiving treatment. 29 cows were said to have been stolen during the attack but 18 were recovered this morning. A witness, Bitrus Mwanta, whose family members were killed

in the attack said he watched helplessly as the attackers came and shot at people.

Confirming the attack, chairman of Barkin-Ladi local government, Emmanuel Loman who spoke to journalists at the village expressed shock and bitterness at what happened regretting that such attacks have been occurring and the security agencies have not been able to do anything. "These attacks have been reoccurring in the Local Government and we are tired of it. We reported it to the Federal Government and they seem to be very slow in their action. As

you can see we have been pushed to the wall and we don't want to carry the law in to our hands but the fact remains that if the Federal Government will not do anything very urgent, we will not have any option than to do anything to protect ourselves," he stated.

Former deputy senate president, John Wash Pam, in his reaction, called for the immediate removal of the Special Task Force (STF) In Charge of internal Security within the state saying it has reached a situation where each state should be given its own police force.

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