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3 family members shot dead, 1 injured in Plateau

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Three **family members** were yesterday **shot dead** by unknown persons at Raffa Village in Foron district of Barkin Ladi Local Government Area of **Plateau** state.

The incident according to [Pastor Ezekiel Foron](#) who is a resident in the area occurred around 12 midnight when some men invaded the village shooting in various directions when most people in the village were fast asleep.

According to Pastor Foron who spoke with our correspondent on phone, a five year old girl also sustained injury on her head when a stray bullet brushed her in the process of the attack.

He said the victims were three male adults who include a man, his son and an uncle stressing: “A five year old girl who was the daughter of the head of the **family** was injured; I was the one that took her to the COCIN Clinic for treatment after the attack”.

Pastor Foron alleged that the attack is connected to the incident that happened at Bisichi

town on Tuesday where two herdsmen were killed saying the Raffa community are a peace loving people and have nothing to do with any attack in the area.

He further alleged that this latest attack was similar to the one that was carried out on the same village some months back.

It would be recalled that two Fulani herdsmen were killed at a small hamlet near Bisichi town Tuesday and hundreds of cows were allegedly stolen in the process of the attack. Bisichi and Foron are only a few kilometres apart and under the same Barkin Ladi local government area.

Speaking on the latest attack, Director of the Stefanos Foundation (A faith based organization) Engineer Mark Lipdo confirmed the attack saying the deceased include Pam John, his son Elijah John and his uncle Gwom Gyang as well as a five year old girl who was injured. He also pointed out that the attack is not unconnected with the incident that happened at Bisichi few days back.

When contacted, Special Task Force (STF) spokesperson, Captain Charles Ekeocha confirmed the attack saying the case is under investigation.