

# Gunmen kill 2 in Plateau villages attack

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GUNMEN yesterday killed two persons when they attacked two villages in Riyom Local Government of Plateau State.

The gunmen were said to have arrived the villages of Rinyom and Rim around 2 p.m. setting many

houses ablaze while few of the villagers at home ran and alerted the military men maintaining security in the LG.

They were said to have arrived when most of the villagers were at the nearby Makera Market. Our correspondent learnt that many houses in the two villages were burnt.

Spokesman of the state's task-force, Captain Mdahyelya Markus, who confirmed the attack, said he was yet to get the details.

"We were informed that there is a problem in Riyom and our men have gone there but they are yet to come back so, I don't know the details yet," he said.

Our correspondent learnt that the problem started Saturday when some men suspected to be herdsmen attacked Rim village in the evening and killed a lady.

A security source said after that incident, the youths in Riyom mobilized and attacked some herdsmen, killing about 47 cows.