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TRAVELLERS WAYLAID IN JOS, 1 KILLED, 4 MISSING

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One person was killed while four others are missing after an attack on travellers at the Rayfield area of Jos, Plateau State on Saturday night.

The deceased, **Uba Tanko**, and other victims who were residents of Gude village in Akwanga LGA of Nassarawa State were in a car with registration number XD 371 KWL returning from a Maulud event in Gombe State when they ran into the attackers.

A survivor, Bashir Abdulkadir, told Daily Trust yesterday, "When we arrived Jos at 9.30pm, security people stopped us at the Bauchi Ring Road and said there was a bomb explosion within the city, and would not allow us to enter through Bauchi Road.

"We met many vehicles stranded, and one security man suggested to us to follow the Bauchi Ring Road that leads to British America Junction. Mistakenly, our driver followed **Lamingo road** and on our way, we met some Berom youths who blocked the road and they immediately hit our vehicle and asked us to come out.

"They started beating us all over and we dispersed into the bush and some of us jumped into a stream close by and **they killed our driver as he could not run because he had a problem with his leg.**"

Bashir added, "I jumped into a stream but I was unable to escape. They caught me and continued to beat me. One of them used a catapult at close range and broke my tooth. They even decided to lynch me with a tyre but some men who arrived in a military vehicle rescued me. The soldiers arrested and evacuated us to a police station close to the Air Force headquarters."

Spokesman for the Special Task Force (STF), Captain Ikedichi Iweha, confirmed the incident, saying, "There were skirmishes around Rayfield Resort which the timely intervention of our personnel rescued. One person was killed and we made some arrests and handed them over to the police for prosecution."

But Plateau State Commissioner of Police, Chris Olakpe, said he was not aware of the incident except skirmishes around Lamingo road and the matter was still under investigation.

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