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# 12 more killed in renewed hostilities between Fulani, Berom in Plateau

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A militia group Sunday night stormed a village in Jos South Local Government Area and killed at least 12 persons in renewed hostilities between Berom and Fulani in Plateau State.

Information on the attack remained sketchy by afternoon of yesterday, but the attack was suspected to have been perpetrated by Fulani militia in a reprisal mission over last Friday's attack and killing of two Fulani leaders near the troubled village, Kwata in Zawan district of Jos South.

Fleeing community members said 16 of their relatives were killed in two separate attacks which happened on the night of Sunday and yesterday while they were burying their loved ones, but security sources put the number of those who died at 12.

Captain Iweha Ikedichie, spokesman of the Special Task Force in the state confirmed the attack and said the troops were treating it as reprisal, but insisted that 12 persons were killed to the knowledge of the operation. He said many others were injured.

"We are treating it as a reprisal attack because of the incident of Friday when two Fulani leaders were killed in those parts of Jos. We invited the head of the village, but he refused to honour our invitation.

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Rather, he ran away," Captain Ikedichie said.

Daily Trust had reported that three persons, including an officer serving with the Operation Safe Haven (OSH), were killed in separate attacks by suspected Berom and Fulani.

Daily Trust gathered that two Fulani leaders, identified simply as Alhaji Kasimu and Alhaji Awalu were ambushed and killed on Friday evening in Riyom Local Government Area by suspected Berom persons.

Subsequently, a military officer escorting some Berom persons was killed on Saturday in a suspected reprisal by criminal herdsmen while the vehicle conveying the victim and his companions was set ablaze.



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