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Operation Safe Haven, the multi-security taskforce maintaining law and order in Plateau State, southern Kaduna and parts of Bauchi State said it killed five assailants at the weekend while repelling an attack on Hukke village in Bassa local government area of Plateau State Friday evening.

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Daily Trust reports that a soldier with the taskforce was also killed in the fire exchange while another was shot in both legs and is presently responding to treatment at the OPSH headquarters clinic.

About 20 people had been killed in the early hours of Friday when assailants launched an attack on residents of Ncha village in Miango district while they were sleeping. It is suspected that the same assailants had attempted to invade Hukke village and had engaged security agents in a fire exchange.

OPSH Media and Information Officer, Captain Adam Umar yesterday said, "Apart from the five that were killed by our men some were injured. But the thing with these assailants is that they don't leave their dead, they run with them. We also lost one of our men and another was injured and is responding to treatment."

He said the Miango area was still dominated by men of the taskforce who had since commenced day and night patrol and were combing the area in search of the assailants.

The Chairman of Miango Development Association, Irigwe Chieftdom in Bassa, David Chinge had told our correspondent that the gunmen had exchanged fire with security agents from across a river and that a young boy from the community had been shot in the leg.

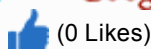
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