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At least one person has died and five others injured from a bullet wound in Tunga, a village under Kadarko district of Wase local government area of Plateau State.

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Daily Trust gathered that the victims, all local miners, were shot Tuesday evening by mobile policemen attached to Chinese foreign miners who have been mining minerals in the area.



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Our correspondent reports that Tunga is one of the juiciest mining sites in Wase and has witnessed beehive of activities by locals despite incidences of tunnel collapse.

Shafi'i Sambo, an acting Councillor in Wase, told Daily Trust that Tuesday's incident occurred after Chinese miners in Twanyi, another mining location in Tunga, had suspected that local miners were using a narrow footpath from Tunga to Twanyi to steal their goods.

Sambo said the Chinese blocked the path by digging a pit which angered the local miners who later returned and covered it.

He said, the Chinese, using mobile police, followed the local miners to Tunga to arrest their leader but other miners stepped in, which led to a clash with security agencies.

"One person from Wase town was shot in the neck and he died while the other five have been taken to the hospital for various gun-shot wounds," said Sambo.

Police Public Relations Officer, ASP Tyopev Terna, confirmed the shooting, saying the state command has commenced investigation.



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