

Gunmen kill 9 persons in Plateau

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No fewer than nine persons were killed and three others injured in an attack by gunmen in Avu Kwall District of Bassa Local Government Area of Plateau State.

The spokesperson for the state police command, DSP Alabo Alfred, who confirmed the incident, said security personnel had been deployed in the area to ensure law and order, adding that investigation was ongoing.

"We are aware of the incident and the command circumstances

surrounding the attack. We are investigating the matter," he said.

Likita Dani, a resident of the area who narrated how the incident occurred told *Daily Trust* yesterday that the attack was carried out Sunday night when some of the residents were sleeping.

"The attackers arrived the community around 8pm when some people were sleeping while some were busy going about their normal activities. We called the security personnel when the attackers arrived the community but nobody came until Monday morning.

"But this morning, we saw security personnel in the community. We went to the burial ground together. The corpses of the deceased have been buried. We are calling on the security agencies to do the needful to prevent further occurrence of the incidence," the resident added.