

10 killed in fresh Plateau attacks

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Not fewer than 10 persons have been killed in attacks by suspected gunmen on Mandung-Mushu and Kopnanle villages of Bokkos Local Government Area of Plateau State.

It was learnt that the attack, which began about 10 pm on Friday night when the villagers had retired for the day, lasted for about

two hours, resulting in the death of the people and destruction of property.

A source told our correspondent that the attack has created tension in Bokkos town and environs as some of the victims and those with gunshot wounds were brought to a cottage hospital in the town.

The source said five members

of one family were killed in the attack, adding that a similar attack last week killed his brother's pregnant wife who was due to give birth this month.

A press statement by the Bokkos Cultural Development Council (BCDC) Vanguard condemned the attack in strong terms, saying the attackers targeted innocent, unarmed and peaceful

residents as they slept.

The statement, signed by the chairman of the BCDC Vanguard, Farmasum Fuddang, a lawyer, noted that the unfortunate incident happened despite security presence nearby.

The Plateau State governor, Caleb Mutfwang, said the renewed attacks claimed several lives, describing it as unfortunate and

unacceptable.

In a statement by his Director of Press and Public Affairs, Gyang Bere, the governor lamented that the incident happened at a time the government was facilitating the return of displaced persons to their homes. He warned perpetrators of the act to desist forthwith as the government was determined to fish them out.