

Gunmen kill 5 in Plateau

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Gunmen have reportedly killed five people in Kimakpa village of Kwall District in Bassa Local Government Area of Plateau State.

Sam Jugo, the National Publicity Secretary of the Irigwe Development Association (IDA), said the incident occurred on Monday, June 2, around 12am.

In a statement, Jugo lamented, "We woke up this morning to yet another tragedy. In the dead of the night criminal assailants attacked and brutally killed five of our residents in Kimakpa.

"The assailants killed Pastor Dauda Dalyop of the Assemblies of God Church, Mrs Chummy Dauda (57), Mr Chwe Ajuhs (26), Mr Joshua Kusa (45), and Mrs Rikwe Doro (43)."

He added that two people sustained injuries and were receiving treatment.

He further said, "This tragic incident occurred just two days after some individuals ambushed Rigwe youths on motorcycles returning from the Gero mining site. Mr Irmiya Musa Timbi was fatally shot, while another individual sustained severe injuries.

"We urge for calm to allow security agencies to conduct thorough investigation. We must remain vigilant, refrain from nocturnal travels to remote areas and resist the temptation for reprisals or taking the law into our hands."

He called on the security agencies to apprehend the perpetrators swiftly in order to restore confidence among the people through the administration of justice.

Attempts to reach the police spokesman in the state, DSP Alfred Alabo, were unsuccessful just as the spokesperson for the Operation Safe Haven, Major Samson Zhakom, could not be reached on his mobile phone number. Several calls made to his number indicated that his phone was switched off.