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6 killed in another Plateau attack

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No fewer than six persons, including a woman, were reportedly killed in separate attacks in communities in Bassa and Mangu local government areas of Plateau State.

Sources from the areas revealed that 12 persons were also injured and are currently receiving treatment in various hospitals.

Residents said the first attack occurred around Ancha community in Bassa LGA, while the second one occurred in Gyenbwas Rinji community in Langai district of Mangu LGA.

Daily Trust reports that the latest attacks came just a day after four persons, including farmers and herders, were killed in Uwok-Ishe community of Kakkek district of Bassa on their way to mining sites.

State Chairman of Gan Allah Fulani Development Association (GAFDAN), Garba Abdullahi, who confirmed the first incident, said the victims were declared missing around 3am while grazing cattle, but their corpses were later found in Ancha community.

"The herders were grazing when the perpetrators dragged them from the grazing area to Ancha and killed them. We have reported the incident to the police and Operation Safe Haven," the chairman said.

In Gyenbwas Rinji, two persons, including a woman, were also killed, and many houses torched. Speaking on the development, Aliyu Adamu, an elder brother to one of the deceased, said the attackers stormed the area around 7am, with the Mwaghavul accused of launching the attack.

"The gunmen arrived in the community in large numbers, shooting sporadically. They killed my brother and one other woman. They burned many houses," Adamu said.

Reacting to the allegation against their member, the acting Chairman of Mwaghavul Youth Development (MYM), Mangu Halle District, Mr. Mangs Fwangkat Isa, told Daily Trust that the violence in Gyenbwas Kasuwa started when herders in the area ambushed three of their members, killing one and injuring two on Sunday evening.

The acting chairman explained that "Today, (Monday), the FOB command came and pleaded with us. We tried to calm the situation because the youth were angry. While trying to calm down the situation, herders came from nowhere and started shooting. Our youth responded because we couldn't just relax while the security presence was inadequate.

"So, the youth came out with sticks and local cutlasses to pursue the herders. During the incident, two persons were killed. Ten persons were injured and are currently receiving medical attention in Halle and Mangu general hospitals," the acting chairman said.

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