

Six miners killed in Plateau

No fewer than six miners were killed on Saturday night by gunmen in the Wang community of Bokkos Local Government Area of Plateau State.

Our correspondent gathered that the gunmen stormed the mining site while the victims were engaged in mining activities.

Christopher Luka, youth leader of Bokkos LGA, confirmed the incident on Sunday to Daily Trust.

Personnel of Agro Ranger, part of the security team maintaining peace in the region, confirmed to Daily Trust that six people were killed during the incident, noting that security agencies had recently issued a warning advising people to stop going to the mining site due to security threats in the area.

“We have issued a warning that they should put a stop to the mining activities, but they refused. I am sure the victims sneaked in the night when security had left the site. This is what has happened,” the personnel who pleaded not to be mentioned said.

Shanono Usman Adam and Maren Moses, who also confirmed the development, narrated that the deceased were busy at the mining site when gunmen opened fire on them.

According to Shanono, the deceased have been taken to the mortuary at Bokkos General Hospital.

Spokesperson of Operation Enduring Peace (OPEP), Major Samson Zhakom, didn't respond to calls and SMS by our correspondent at press time.

Daily Trust reports that communities in Bokkos, Plateau State, have been grappling with severe security threats, marked by recurrent attacks and killings.