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UNKNOWN
gunmen
yesterday night
attacked a
family of six
and killed all of
them at Foron
in Barkin Ladi
Local Council
of Plateau

State.

The household which comprised the man, his wife and their four small children were wiped off by the yet to be identified assailants.

The immediate past chairman of the local government, Dr. Emmanuel Loman, who rushed to the scene yesterday morning said: “Yesterday (Tuesday, December 17) around 9 p.m., some gunmen were passing by the Foron Junction and opened fire on a house containing a husband, his wife and their four kids killing all of them.”

Spokesman of the Special Task Force (STF), Captain Salisu Ibrahim Mustapha, said he had not been briefed, promising to call back but failed. Calls put to him could not be responded, as he was said to have switched off his phone. Same with the Police Public Relations Officer, Felicia Anslem.

Barely 24 hours after Governor Jonah Jang raised the alarm last month that available security reports indicated there was a grand plot to attack the state at Christmas, the tragedy actually struck when a pre-dawn attack was launched on November 26 when no fewer than 40 people were hacked to death by unknown gunmen in four communities of the Barkin Ladi Local Council.

The communities are Tatu, Rawuru, Bok and Dorang. About 10 persons said to have been injured are receiving treatment at various hospitals in the local government.

Jok Cholonm of Rawuru village told journalists that the gunmen stormed the house of his relatives at about 12.30 a.m. and killed him and his seven children. He lamented that despite the presence of security operatives in the locality, they did not come to the aid of the community. The Village head of Tatu, Pam Gyang Tsok, who then spoke to journalists said the attack took place at about 1 a.m.

Tsok had told newsmen then that “at about 1 a.m. yesterday I started hearing gunshots, I then rushed out of my home to the direction of the gunshots and saw the bodies of our villagers who were murdered in their cold blood by our attackers. Our village was under siege for

more than 30 minutes.”

Pam Yakubu, who lost six relatives told journalists that the gunmen struck the village at about 12.30 a.m. and started shooting sporadically. He gave the names of those killed as Davou, Yop , Sarah, Felix , Timothy. “Our attackers must be professional killers as they were speaking good English,” he said. He appealed to security operatives to tighten security around the local government.



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