

# Seven killed in fresh Plateau attack

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**S**EVEN persons have been killed in a fresh attack yesterday at Kpachudu village of Bassa Local Council, Plateau State, but nine survived the assailants' gunshots.

The National Public Relations Officer (PRO) of Irigwe Youth Movement (IYM), Lawrence Zango, told journalists that the attack was carried out from 7.00p.m. on Saturday till 3.00a.m. yesterday, despite the presence of police mobile officers in the area.

He added the attackers were suspected Fulani militia.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Ubah Ogaba, said they were aware of the incident, but were on top of the situation. He confirmed that four people died and 50 houses burnt.

**C**ONSEQUENTLY, former Minister of Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Lt-Gen. Jeremiah Useni (rtd.),

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has urged farmers in the country to defend themselves and their crops following the renewed killings and destruction of crops in parts of North Central by bandits.

He insisted that farmers should not allow criminals to attack them or destroy their crops, urging them to take ownership of their security rather than depending on government's security.

During a press briefing at his Jos residence, Useni expressed concern over the security challenges in the country and urged government and citizens to join hands to overcome the ugly trend.

**H**OWEVER, former Deputy Director of Nigeria Air Force Operations, HRM Lucky Ochuko Ararile, Avwaeke I, the Ovie of Umiaghwa Abraka Kingdom, Ethiopie East Local Council, Delta State, has can-

vased a change of strategy in the ongoing battle against criminals in the country.

The retired Air Vice Marshal (AVM) said poor cooperation and coordination between the air force and the army in the theatre of war adversely impacted the war against Boko Haram.

**S**IMILARLY, former Minister of Defence, Adetokunbo Kayode (SAN), also urged the Federal Government to change tactics in tackling various security challenges in the country.

Kayode told newsmen at his Ikaram Akoko hometown, yesterday, that different results could not be expected using the same strategy of approaching the challenges over the years.

According to him, information, which is the father of intelligence, is more important than guns.

His words: "It is not force; it is brain. Let us change the template. We must have this community policing and can call it any name."

**T**HE Commandant-General of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), Dr. Ahmed Audi, has said the agency is evolving strategies to tackle criminal elements through the application of forensic psychotherapy.

Audi made this known in Abuja during the training of officers of the corps on Forensics International Best Practices at the weekend.

In a statement yesterday, Audi tasked the officers to proactively and competently deploy their professional skills towards infallible crime detection that could be used as strong evidence during litigation and prosecution of cases in court.