

32 KILLED IN RENEWED PLATEAU CRISIS

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•Victims include students writing NECO exam

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Management Committee Chairman of the Langtang South Local Government Council of Plateau State, Narman Darko, on Thursday disclosed that 32 people were killed in three villages of his local government by Fulani militiamen who invaded the area.

Darko told newsmen in Jos, the state capital, in a telephone interview from his besieged local government base that 23 of the victims were killed in Magama village, seven were killed in Bolgan, while two were killed in-between Magama and Karkishi villages.

He added that over 100 houses were burnt down by the rampaging attackers.

The attack on Langtang villages is coming less than 24 hours after suspected Fulani militia similarly struck in Barkinladi Local Government, killing two persons and rustling about 50 cows.

Langtang is about 300 kilometers away from Jos, the state capital.

Daily Independent gathered that secondary school students who are presently writing their NECO examination were among those killed.

It was also gathered that the other victims were mostly children and elderly, as Rev. Nandip Miri of COCIN Church in Langtang lost his aged father and brother among other relatives.

The Langtang local council chairman said he had informed the military Special Task Force (STF) on Jos crisis and that they had moved in their men to prevent further destruction of lives and property in the area.

He urged the people of the three villages to be alert and report any suspicious movement to law enforcement agencies.

Reacting to the development, Senator representing Plateau South, Victor Lar, told *Daily Independent* that he had made an appeal to his people to remain calm and report any suspicious movement to security agencies for necessary action.

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