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Four Persons killed In Barkinladi LG Of Plateau State

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Four persons were killed on Saturday morning in Rakung Village of Barkin Ladi Local Government Area of Plateau State when some unknown gunmen invaded the community and started shooting sporadically.

Sunday Independent gathered that the incident happened at about 12 30 am on Saturday morning.

Bitrus Doro, the transition committee chairman of Barkin Ladi Local Government, confirmed the incident to *Sunday Independent* on phone.

He called on security agencies to intensify efforts to arrest and prosecute perpetrators of the dastardly act to serve as a deterrent to others.

According to him, "Our governor, Simon Lalong, is doing everything possible to ensure that lasting peace is restored in the troubled parts of the state."

Meanwhile, the Defence Headquarters (DHQ) is currently investigating the incident that occurred at Nembe Jetty, near Ogolomabiri Community in Bayelsa State, where suspected oil bunkerers attacked its location.

The Defence Spokesman, Rabe Abubakar, stated this while confirming the incident in a statement on Saturday.

According to him: "The incident is being investigated and the Joint Task Force Operation PULO SHIELD has moved into action to arrest and apprehend the perpetrators of this unpatriotic and callous attack.

"The military will deal decisively with anybody or group involved in this and similar acts of attacks or sabotage on the nation's economy.

"The general public in the affected community are advised to go about their normal business activities and solicit their cooperation by given timely information to the military or any other security agencies to avert future re-occurrence of this ugly incidence."

The Defence Headquarters has therefore reiterated its commitment to ensuring the protection of lives and properties of innocent citizens nationwide.

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