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At least 37 people were in the early hours of yesterday killed by unknown gunmen at Tatu, Rawuru, Bok and Dorang villages in Fan District of Barkin Ladi local Government area of Plateau State.

is development is coming barely 24 hours or the Plateau State Governor Jonah Jang raised an alarm over plans by enemies of the state to throw the state into chaos.

LEADERSHIP gathered that about 10 persons were injured and are receiving

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treatment at various hospitals in the local government while over 40 houses were burnt down by the gunmen who fled after the attack.

Our reporter who visited the community said that while most of those killed in the attacks were youths, pregnant women and the aged, the affected communities were thrown into mourning and that marks of bullets fired by the attackers were visible on the walls of most of the houses in the villages.

Besides, Shells of bullets fired by the attackers were seen on most of the buildings in the community, most of those killed were youths, pregnant women and the aged.

One Jok Cholonm of Rawuru village told newsmen that the gunmen stormed the house of his relative at about 12:30am and killed him along with his seven children.

He alleged that despite the presence of security operatives in the locality, they did not come to the rescue of the people of the community.

The Village head of Tatu, Pam Gyang Tsok who spoke to Newsmen said the attack on his domain took place about 1am.

“At about 1am yesterday morning, I started hearing gunshots, I then rushed out of my home to the direction of the gunshots and saw the corpses of our fellow Villagers who were murdered in cold blood by our attackers littering everywhere. Our village was under siege for more than 30 minutes.”

Another villager, Pam Yakubu who lost six relatives told our correspondent that the gunmen struck at the village at about 12:30am and started shooting sporadically.

He gave the names of his relatives killed as Davou, Yop, Sarah, Felix, Timothy among others.

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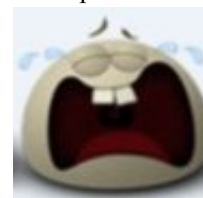
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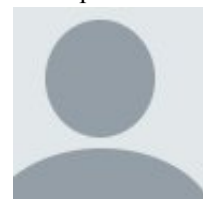
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He appealed to security operatives to tighten security around the local government Council.

LEADERSHIP observed that most of the victims of the crisis were given mass burial as some of the other corpses had earlier been burnt by the attackers before fleeing the area.

In another development, three people were feared dead in Shishiri, venue of Pajat ward PDP local government councillorship primary election in Langtang North local government of Plateau State.

LEADERSHIP investigation revealed that the incident occurred when men of the Special Task Force on Jos crisis STF were trying to rescue one of the election officials, who was manhandled by some aggrieved youths who, in a heavily drunk state, were throwing stones at the STF personnel which led to shooting and in the process three persons lost their lives.

Meanwhile, the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), yesterday cancelled its local government primaries in Barkin Ladi local government area of Plateau State due to the attacks in the area.



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