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Again, Gunmen Kill 5 In Plateau Village

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Following the killing of 11 persons at Zamadede in Pil-Gani district of Langtang North local government area of Plateau State, **unknown gunmen have again attacked and killed five people in Rakung area in the outskirts of Barkin Ladi local government area of the state.**

LEADERSHIP gathered that the gunmen stormed the village at about midnight on **Monday** as the residents were fast asleep.

A source who did not want his name in print said that the gunmen shot sporadically in the air, scaring everyone in sight.

As the day broke, youths in the area were said to have blocked the major road, but were quickly dispersed by some STF personnel deployed to the area.

Capt. Ikedichi Iweha, spokesman of the Special Task Force (STF), who confirmed the incident to our correspondent, said that among the dead were some of the gunmen.

He said that troops of the STF responded swiftly to a distress call and were able to ward off the attackers before they could inflict serious injuries on the helpless villagers.

The STF spokesman added that soldiers were also able to disperse the youths who tried to take advantage of the situation to cause mayhem.

He said, "As I talk to you now, normalcy has been restored to the area as a result of the quick response of our men.

"They were also able to disperse the youths who blocked the major road and there is presently no danger to the travelling public."

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