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KILLING: Plateau Community Wants Justice Over Murder Of Nursing Mother

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Residents of Heipang community of Barkin Ladi LGA, Plateau State, have given a vivid account how personnel of the Special Task Force on Jos crisis shot dead a nursing mother, Abishak Solomon.

LEADERSHIP recalls that two women were allegedly shot dead in Heipang by soldiers from the STF as the community was protesting against the mounting of a military checkpoint around the area.

Pam Choji, spokesman of the community, while addressing news conference in Jos yesterday, said while some community leaders who came to intervene were still discussing with the military men, a command to fire was given and immediately, the armoured personnel carrier started

shooting, while soldiers wearing facial masks who were already strategically positioned responded spontaneously with sporadic gunfire which lasted for about 10 minutes.

According to them, immediately they stopped shooting, some of the soldiers went after the women who had run into nearby shop for safety, shot and killed two women and inflicted grievous bodily injuries on several others.

"Mrs. Abishak Solomon, a nursing mother, was brutally and callously murdered by one of the soldiers with her baby strapped to her back as she ran into one of the shops for safety."

The community therefore demanded full investigation into the matter with a view to bring the trigger-happy soldiers to book.