

Bandits kill family of five in Plateau community in fresh attack

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AFTER months of relative calm, gunmen attacked Lighitlubang village in Bungaha District, Mangu Local Government Area of Plateau State, killing a family of five in the early hours of Friday.

Sources from the community reported that the assailants, suspected to be armed Fulani militants, stormed the village while residents were asleep, firing sporadic gunshots to announce their presence.

A resident identified simply as David told Sunday Tribune that the attackers targeted a household, killing a man, his wife, their child, and two other relatives at close range to ensure none survived.

David further disclosed that the community has been living under constant threat from the assailants, with at least seven people killed in separate incidents over the past week.

According to him, on January 27, 2025, around 9:00 a.m., a group of women collecting firewood was ambushed. One of the women, identified as Mrs. Tabitha

Yusuf, was shot dead, while others sustained varying degrees of gunshot injuries but managed to escape.

The renewed violence has heightened tension across Mangu LGA, with security forces deployed to key areas to prevent further attacks and maintain order.

At the time of filing this report, the situation remained tense, with residents expressing fear over potential reprisal attacks.

When contacted, the spokesperson for the Plateau State Police Command, DSP Alfred Alabo, confirmed that the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) in charge of Mangu LGA had launched an investigation into the incident.

DSP Alabo stated that the police would provide updates as soon as the investigation yielded concrete findings, emphasising the command's commitment to restoring peace in the area.

Community leaders have called for urgent government intervention to curb the recurring attacks and ensure the safety of residents in Mangu and surrounding areas.