Father, 2 Children Killed In Fresh Violence In Plateau

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A father and his two sons were killed in a renewed violence as bandits attacked Zogu Community of Miango in Bassa local government area of Plateau State.

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The latest killings is coming less than one week after a similar attack in Bokkos villages which claimed over 60 lives.

Against this background, the Middle Belt ethnic nationalities and coalition of Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) have called on the government and security agencies to end the spate of killings across Plateau state.

The National Publicity Secretary of Irigwe Development Association (IDA) (IDA), Sam Jugo, said in a statement that the victim, a 56-year-old Weyi Gebeh, and his two sons, Zhu Weyi, 25; and Henry Weyi, 16, were killed when the bandits invaded the community early Friday morning.

The statement said, "This recent event brings to 9 deaths recorded this week alone. IDA expresses its utmost displeasure on the deteriorating situation in Irigwe land and calls on the security agencies to do whatever that's required to halt this barbarism on our land and perpetrators apprehended to face justice.'

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The community leader expressed dismay at "the way criminal elements invade our motherland and kill with impunity seems to suggest a more sinister motive than mere reprisal alleged wrongs.

"IDA therefore calls the Plateau State government and the security to do the needful and stop the killing of innocent people in Irigwe land."

In the same vein, the Middle Belt Ethnic Nationalities, Jos, Plateau State, and Coalition of CSOs have called for concerted efforts to end the incessant bloodbath on the Plateau.

Addressing newsmen in separate briefings at the NUJ Press Centre in Jos, the two groups said it had become obvious that the perpetrators of the dastardly acts were out to cleanse the entire ethnic groups in the state.

Also the coalition called for justice, protection, and global support to end the killings and prevent the indigenous communities from total annihilation.

Chairman, Plateau State Civil Society Organisation Forum, Rev. Chris Damcher and representative of the Middle Belt Ethnic Nationalities, Prof Abraham Dogo, who both spoke at the press briefings, expressed anger at what they described as attempts to totally annihilate all ethnic groups on the Plateau.

Dogo said, "On Wednesday, April 2nd, 2025, our peace-loving and hardworking farmers in Bokkos local government area of Plateau State were once again attacked in a senseless and brutal massacre.

"These innocent and defenceless citizens were mercilessly killed by suspected armed and deadly herders/terrorists — agents of destruction who have no regard for human life, law, or peaceful coexistence.

"We demand justice. We demand protection. We demand peace.

"We stand today in grief, but not in defeat. We will continue to raise our voices until the lives of every Nigerian, regardless of tribe or faith, are valued and protected."

On his part, the chairman of the CSOs coalition, said, "We stand with the communities in Bokkos and pray that soon and very soon, they will return to their communities with the setting in of the rains for the farming season.

"We pray for the reign of peace in our dear state as we declare that enough of the bloodshed and bloodletting In Plateau State."