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The military Special Task Force (STF) in Plateau in Jos on Friday confirmed the murder of 14 persons in separate attacks on some rural communities in the state between Wednesday and Thursday.

The STF said in a statement that among those murdered was a 75-year-old woman in Sara village of Riyom Local Government Area.

The statement, signed by the STF media officer, Lt. Kingsley Egbo, said: "The old woman was killed along with her three children."

It said gunmen also attacked and wiped out a family of eight at a remote village, near Sop in Makera and two others at Lotton village in Jol, Riyom Local Government Area.

The statement said the task force had got a lead on the possible attackers and was making efforts to arrest the suspects.

The STF also said that its personnel had arrested some herdsmen, who allegedly attacked farmers working on

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their farms at Rarin-Sho village of Barkin-Ladi Local Government Area.

“When we received reports of the attack, we quickly moved into Sho village and engaged the assailants in a gun battle which led to the arrest of some of the attackers.

“We also recovered some of their weapons while many others escaped with gunshot wounds. The suspects are currently being interrogated,” the statement said.

It said a fresh problem arose on Thursday in Barkin-Ladi over the pulling down of the fence of a prayer ground, which had been in contention for some time.

“During the rampage, a young man was beaten to a state of coma and his motorcycle burnt around Ungwan-Sarki area of the town.

“The STF immediately moved to the area, rescued the victim and conveyed him to Barkin-Ladi General Hospital while the situation has been brought under control,” the statement said.

The statement warned the people against disrupting the peace and vowed to deal with those who fomented trouble. (NAN)

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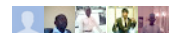


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