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Restoring order ...Anti-riot policemen in Jos

CONFUSION pervaded the atmosphere in Riyom Local Government Area of Plateau State following the killing of two people by unknown persons in a fresh attack in the area .

The commander of the Special Task Force on Jos crises, Brig. Gen. Hassan Umoru, confirmed it Friday that the incident happened at about 7pm on Thursday.

According to the JTF commander, two people on a motorcycle shot the victims, who were young men and escaped immediately.

He said: "When the JTF members in

charge of the area were alerted, they gave the attackers a hot chase, but could not arrest them.

"We are still on the trail of the suspects. We have urged the police in charge of Riyom local government to work with youths of the area to continue the search for the suspects."

The attack has heightened tension in the area as youths who suspected the attackers to be Fulani herdsmen have declared war against any Fulani man found in their locality.

But the commander of Task Force has assured that he has deployed enough troops in the area to avoid any reprisal attack from the youths.

Gen. Umoru warned: "Any attempt by anybody to frustrate the efforts that we have put in place towards restoration of permanent peace in the state will be resisted by the task force.

"This kind of attack serves as a draw back to us and we will not continue to condone this. We are planning to come out in full force against people that are not interested in peace".

The victims have since been buried by their families.

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What happened in Riyom is a daily occurrence in neighboring Barkin Ladi, especially in Fan where, a week back the villagers had to bury three youths attacked and murdered at different locations by Fulani herdsmen on a hit-and -run mission, from neighboring Ropp District. The Commanders of the JTF need to properly give their men in the villages appropriate orientation to transform them from the mere village terrorists they have become to peace keepers. An example here subsists: One of the soldiers in Radura village of Fan District battered one Da Dung from Lo Fan village, about ten back, over the latter's wife who the soldier has an amorous affair with. The victim now lies between life and death from serious injuries sustained in the hands of the said soldier. This is a case the Commander can easily verify, from the palace of Gwom Rwey Fan. The villagers are now sandwiched between attacks from itinerant fulani herdsmen and internal servitude and maltreatment from men of the JTF in their midst.



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Anoda wahala in jos again?



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What took place in Riyom days back is a replica of what has virtually become a daily occurrence in neighboring Barkin Ladi LGA, especially in Fan District, where three corpses were buried two weeks back, from serial hit-and-go killings by roving Fulani herdsmen, from neighboring Ropp District. Added to this, is the unfortunate rights abuse on Fan natives by some men of the STF. About ten days ago one Da Dung Dashwey of Lo Fan village was mercilessly and brutally battered by a soldier posted to neighboring Radura village, over his wife, with whom the said soldier has developed an amorous affair. The said Dashey is now lying critically ill, in between life and death as a result of the serious beatings. This is just one episode, among numerous instances, the STF commander can very easily crosscheck and verify from the palace of the Gwom Rwey of Fan. The men of the STF have veritably transformed into mere village torture squad, making life a nightmare between Fulani serial murderers and soldier-torturers. This ought not be so.