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Three people have been killed in fresh attack in **Kwata** village of **Jos South** Local Government Area of **Plateau** State on Thursday night, bringing to a total of five people killed in two separate attacks in the area in three days.

A man was allegedly killed by unknown gunmen on Wednesday. The two attacks in Gyero village and **Kwata** village came a month after six people were killed in Bassa local government in a pre-dawn attack by unknown killers.

According to the Commander of the Special Joint Task Force on **Jos** crises (JTF) "Operation Save Haven", Brig. Gen. Hassan Umoru, "I know of two men that were killed and three other men injured in the recent attack in **Kwata**. I think it is not the Berom-Fulani kind of conflict. The owner of the house killed, James Dung, is a staff of Grand Cereal and Oil Mills Limited.

"Our investigation so far indicated that the man was the sole target of the attack."

But a member of the community, Bala Dalyop, said: "The attackers must be Fulanis living in neighboring Sabon Gida village. They came at about 11pm, forced the door of a house open and after gaining access to the occupant, killed him and moved to the next house where they also killed two other men".

Brig. Gen Hassan Umoru said: "The Fulani man will always be the first suspect of a Berom man in such an incident due to their suspicion of one another, but our investigation is showing an assassination attack with a target."

Meanwhile, outgoing Plateau State Police Commissioner, Mr. Ikechukwu Aduba, has called on the state government and citizens of the state to ensure they do everything possible to sustain the prevailing peace so far recorded in the state.

Aduba made the call in his farewell message to the people following his redeployment from the state.

The outgoing commissioner , who is being replaced by Abdulrahman Ola Akano, was deployed to the state at the heat of the January 2010 crises that engulfed the major part of **Jos**, the state capital, with a mandate to return the state to its peaceful nature.

According to Aduba, "Inter-religious bodies in the state should be strengthened and be consistent in their regular meetings, which will go a long way in dousing the crisis that is always precipitated by issues bordering on religious intolerance".