

Five killed in Plateau

■ Explosions in Kano

FIVE people were killed yesterday when gunmen, believed to be Fulani herdsmen struck in Gwarim Village, Rim District of Riyom Local Government Area of Plateau State.

The Riyom council has in recent times been under attack, with more than 10 families killed by unknown persons.

Also yesterday, two explosions were recorded in Kano. The first was near the 3rd Mechanised Bridge Bukaru Barracks within the Kano

metropolis. The other occurred at Rejiyar Zaki at about 9:30pm.

The first explosion, which residents said occurred at about 6:45pm, was confirmed by the Joint Task Force (JTF) spokesman, Ikedi Chi-Iweha, who said there were no casualties.

Residents and passersby around the barracks scampered for safety as the explosion occurred.

An eye witness said there was pandemonium immediately the bomb

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planted near the Dantata Complex exploded.

The JTF spokesman said: "We heard the sound of a bomb, but not in the army barracks. It was within the vicinity, close to the area.

"However, the information reaching us confirmed that there was no injury and the JTF have cordoned off the area."

In Rim village, gunmen inflicted machete cuts on two teenagers. They were rushed to Vom Christian Hospital, near Jos..

The Rim attack occurred less than two hours after an Improvised Electronic Device (IED) went off at a television viewing centre in Tudun Wada, Jos, the state capital. A man in a white Mercedes Benz car was said to have driven straight to the viewing centre, brought out a black polythene bag, which he dropped close to the centre and bolted away before the substance exploded.

One person was killed in the explosion. Five persons were injured and taken to various hospitals in the city, including the Plateau Specialist Hospital and Janvak Hospital, close to the scene of the blast.

The lawmaker representing Riyom Constituency at the House of Assembly, Daniel Dem, who confirmed the incident yesterday in Jos, named the victims as 48-year-old Dinnatu Danbwarang, Simi Joseph (26), Rose Dalyop (25), Jafates Samuel (four), and Christiana Samuel (sev-

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Dem, who spoke amid tears, said: "It is very unfair for people to be attacking and killing people in their sleep. This is not the first time that this kind of incident occurred and my people have been pushed to the wall."

He called on the security agents in the state to live up to their responsibilities by being proactive to forestall such occurrence in the future

Reacting to the explosion at Tudun Wada, the police, in a statement, confirmed that one person died in the blast.

The statement signed by Commissioner of Police, Emmanuel Ayeni also said that nine persons are on danger list at various hospitals, adding that the matter is being investigated.

THE VICTIMS

- Dinnatu Danbwarang (48)
- Simi Joseph (26)
- Rose Dalyop (25)
- Jafates Samuel (4)
- Christiana Samuel (7)

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