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Oloyede, the immediate past
Vice-Chancellor of the University

from different people. That is why
you were elected to iron out
conflicting advice.

for this stupid decision.

"The implication is that Nigeria

if we are really sensible, we would
not have taken that position."

Council chairman says seven died in attacks

THE Chairman of Mangu Local Government Area in Plateau State, Mr. Caleb Mutfwang, yesterday confirmed seven persons killed in recent attacks on some parts of the area.

He told a news conference in Jos that the area witnessed some security challenges in which lives were lost.

He said the attacks occurred in Maitumbi, Jwak-Maitumbi, Kyampus, Mai-Rana, Sarbot and Kantoma villages and their immediate environs.

According to him, the enemies struck on the night of December 26 and shot one Mr. Yoila Micah dead in his residence in Jwak-Maitumbi.

He said that while the community was recovering from the attack, the gunmen struck again on Tuesday and shot two men riding on a motor-cycle, killing and beheading one Longji Mikiyes while another unnamed person escaped with gunshot wounds.

Mutfwang said the killing precipitated violence in parts of the local government and attracted the attention of the Special Task Force (STF) which moved in to ensure peace.

He, however, said that following the killings, some youths tracked the killers by tracing the blood mark to the house of one Alhaji Wada, a Fulani resident of the community.

... in their request to

search the house, someone came out with a gun and shot randomly at the youths injuring some of them.

"Angered by this reaction, the youths went on rampage and burnt some house belonging to Fulani residents and causing the death of a Fulani man on a visit from Barkin Ladi.

"Not surprising, the Fulani mobilised at night and attacked some of the other communities, resulting in the death of four people, burning of houses and properties, and throwing up a lot of internally displaced persons," he said.

He appealed for aid from relevant agencies for the displaced persons

while noting that the council held a major stakeholders meeting with all the parties in the dispute for peace to reign.

Those at the meeting included district heads, leaders of Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association and the JNI chairmen and representatives of the Mwaghavuu and Fulani youth groups.

"In the meantime, we are pleased to report that two arrests have been made and investigation are still ongoing," he said.

Emmanuel Abuh, the spokesman of the Plateau police command, had confirmed to the New Agency of Nigeria (NAN) that only one person died in the violence.