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## Four killed, 50 houses razed in Plateau attacks

OLICE in Plateau State yesterday confirmed that four persons were shot dead while about 50 houses were torched in a clash between Irigwe youths in Miango community and Fulani militias.

The clash, which lasted several hours on Saturday night, was over land.

Three persons were reportedly injured.

The locals said about 100 houses were set ablaze.

A police statement said "fifty houses were torched".

"Upon receipt of the report, the tactical team of the Command was immediately deployed to the scene to tighten security of the area and to restore peace," the statement said.

"The Commissioner of Police, CP Edward Egbuka, with other senior officers of the Command, visited the scene and has ordered a discreet investigation to fish out the perpetrators of the dastardly act."

"Normalcy has been restored in that area".

Former minister of the

Federal Capital Territory Lt.-Gen Jeremiah Useni has advised farmers in the state to protect themselves against attacks.

Useni, who hails from the state, gave the advice against the backdrop of incessant attacks by armed groups suspected to be herdsmen.