

Plateau: Gunmen on rampage, kill five, raze houses, injure many



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- Fish out those behind killings, gov tells security agencies



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Five persons were killed and others injured in a deadly night attack by gunmen in the Kogul Community of Panyam District, Mangu Local Government Area of Plateau State.

The attack occurred around 9:00 pm on Thursday; when the residents were about to retire to bed.

A community leader said, five people were killed, others injured and many houses were set ablaze by the attackers.

A resident of Kogul village, John Daniel, confirmed that the militia arrived at the community at about 09:00 pm of Thursday and started shooting indiscriminately, adding that at the end of the orgy of violence, five people were confirmed dead and many houses burned.

However, the residents were surprised that the security agencies couldn't do anything to arrest, and bring to an end attacks on innocent farmers.

When The Nation contacted the spokesman of the Plateau State Police Command, DSP Alfred Alabo, he promised to call the Divisional Police Officer.

Mutfwang directs security agencies to fish out perpetrators

Reacting, the Plateau State governor, Caleb Manasseh Mutfwang condemned the attacks.

Mutfwang said he was pained by the continuing attacks on communities in the state.

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He, therefore, directed security agencies to fish out the killers and make them face the full wrath of the law.

He wondered why some individuals would invade a community, kill and maim the people as well as destroy houses and property worth millions of naira for no just reason.

He reaffirmed his commitment to exploring all available legal avenues to fish out the perpetrators of the dastardly acts.

The governor said the government was mapping out strategies to ensure that the circle of attacks and killings in the state was brought to an end.

He urged the cooperation of security agencies and the citizens for the realization of this goal.

Mutfwang, in a statement made available to journalists by his spokesman, Gyang Bere, said the governor sympathized with communities across the state that have lost their loved ones in recent times and assured them that the government shares in their pains.

He appealed to them to take solace in God as everything was being done to end the protracted killings.

While wishing those who sustained injuries a speedy recovery, Mutfwang said his administration's resolve of pursuit of peace and unity remained very firm and would continue to be a priority until the desired results are achieved.