

Eight-month-old baby, seven others killed in Plateau attack



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An eight-month-old baby and seven other persons have been killed in the Farin Lamba community of Vwang District of Jos South Local Government Area (LGA) of Plateau State, following an attack by gunmen.

The Nation gathered that the attack occurred on Sunday night at about 9:45pm.

According to the National Publicity Secretary of Berom Youth Moulders, Rwang Tengwong, the attackers arrived in the community when many of its residents had gone to bed.

The assailants, said to be in a moving vehicle, opened fire on those heading home after the day's activities.

The baby and her father who was taking her home after a hospital visit were said to have been hit by bullets.

Tengwong said: “The bandits have continued to unleash terror on innocent citizens in some Communities of Riyom, Barkin Ladi, Jos South and Mangu Local Government Areas of Plateau State, in renewed attacks on the 2023 general elections.

“The baby, who was murdered with her father, was said to be returning from the hospital when they met their untimely end. Before this unprovoked attack, several communities in Riyom, Barkin Ladi, Jos South and Mangu Local Government witnessed deliberate destruction of farmlands and provocative grazing of over 300 hectares of land.”

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“Also, there have been daily ambushes and killing of innocent persons in Riyom LGA, along the Abuja highway.

“The BYM under the leadership of Solomon Dalyop Mwantiri, Esq. hereby condemns the attack and other forms of provocations meted out on innocent persons of Plateau since after the 2023 General Elections.”

Meanwhile, troops of Operation Safe Haven (OPSH), have recovered five fabricated AK-47 rifles and live ammunition from residents of some communities in Mangu LGA.

Spokesperson of the Operation, Captain James Oya, disclosed in a statement in Jos, that the commander of the operation, Maj.-Gen. Abdusalam Abubakar led troops during the recovery.

He said the commander had temporarily relocated the OPSH base from Jos to Mangu, following the recent killings in the Sabon Gari community of the area.

“In the course of the operation, we recovered five fabricated AK-47 rifles, 19 rounds of 7.62 mm special, and four rounds of 7.62 mm Nato, from two communities in the area,” Oya said.

The spokesperson explained that the military, alongside other security personnel, had been deployed to the affected communities and that normalcy was being restored to the area.