

Gunmen kill two teachers, injure VP in Plateau



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Gunmen suspected to be herders yesterday killed two teachers and injured a Vice Principal at BECO Comprehensive School in Kwi, Riyom Local Government Area of Plateau State.

Riyom, Mangu and Barkin-Ladi Local Government areas have been under attacks by criminals in the past three months that have left many persons dead, farmlands and properties destroyed.

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The school's Principal, Dantoro Gyang, who confirmed the attack to The Nation, said the staff members were on routine meetings at about 2pm

yesterday when some armed herdsmen led their cattle into the premises for grazing, adding that they were confronted by the security men on duty.

According to him, while the security men interrogated them on why they grazed into the school's premises; the staff came out of the meeting to see what was happening.

He said: "While we are trying to engage them on the need to vacate the school premises, two of them suddenly brought out guns, pulled the triggers, and instantly killed two of my teachers, while the Vice-Principal (Administration), Dalyop Emmanuel Ibrahim, and one other person were shot in the abdomen.

"As I am talking to you now, one of those injured is presently receiving treatment at General Hospital Riyom, while the vice principal was taken to Jos University Teaching Hospital."

Speaking with newsmen, the President of the Berom Youth Moulders (BYM), Solomon Dalyop, described it as another form of terrorist attack on the people of Plateau State, adding that until open grazing was banned, the herdsmen would continue to terrorise the people.

When contacted, the spokesman for Plateau State Police Command, DSP Alfred Alabo, said the command had not been briefed on the incident and promised to get back.

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In Ebonyi State, suspected secessionists on Sunday invaded the home of the Commander, Neighborhood Watch, Ohaukwu Local Government Area, Leonard Igwe, and burnt two of his vehicles.

They also attempted to set the house located at Umuogudu Akpu Ngbo, ablaze together with the commander and his family.



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Speaking to Our Reporter, the victim said the members of his household numbering over 15 escaped by divine intervention as attempts to set the building ablaze by the gunmen were not successful.