Assailants kill 16, injure many in Plateau



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At least 16 people were reportedly killed on Saturday night, while many others were injured in a gunmen attack on Lisham Kwahasnat community of Mangu Local Government, Plateau State.

A community leader, who does not want his to be mentioned, told The Nation that the gunmen are suspected to be killer-herdsmen, who invaded the community at about 10:55pm when the inhabitants were preparing to go to bed.

He said the gunmen, on entering the community, opened fire on the residents at random and shot anyone, adding that in the operation, which lasted about an hour, 16 people were gunned down, while those who sustained injuries were taken to Mangu General Hospital for treatment.

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It was gathered that the 16 persons were given mass burial yesterday. The National President, Mangu Development Association (MDA), Sir Joseph Gwankat, who confirmed the incident, said the latest attack on the people of Lisham Kwahasnat community was a shock to peace-loving people of the council and the state.