

50 killed in attacks on Plateau communities



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- *Cleric, son, four church members among victims*
- *Mutfwang condemns 'wanton destruction' of farmland, property*

Acleric, Philemon, his son Lanzy and four church members at Dares village were among the over 70 persons reportedly killed by assailants in Plateau communities on Christmas Eve.

The Transition Committee Chairman of Bokkos Local Government, Monday Kasa, who confirmed the attack to The Nation, said 20 villages were attacked simultaneously in the council during the midnight raid, which lasted more than three hours, adding that more than 76 people lost their lives.

More troops have been deployed in the affected areas.

According to our source, the incident began at about 11pm on Sunday (Christmas Eve) in a community called NTV village, situated along Bokkos Road where 11 persons were reportedly killed.

A witness, Moses Philip, said: "We couldn't sleep last night. Gunmen attacked our village, they killed 11 people. Our Reverend (cleric) was killed with his mother, and one of his brothers."

Five persons of the same biological parents were also killed. They all died due to the gun injuries they sustained.”

At Chirang, youths were targeted, with at least 30 young lives brutally taken.

Villages such as Butura Kampani, Fatamba, Fashar, Garau, Angwan No, Mbar, Sundul, Makundang and countless others experienced the attack, with homes burnt and families displaced.

Police spokesman DSP Alfred Alabo told The Nation on the phone: “The Area Commander has just left Bokkos to meet the DPO. When they harmonise, they will feed us back.’

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Alabo said the area was relatively calm.

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“We are meeting traditional leaders to ensure it doesn’t happen again.”

Plateau State Governor Caleb Mutfwang has condemned wanton destruction of farmland and property in the state.

He urged Christians in Plateau and worldwide to embrace the spirit of love, peace and unity during the Christmas celebration.

Addressing the congregation at a Christmas service held at the Church of Christ in Nations (COCIN) Number One, RCC Ampang West, in Mangu Local Government, Governor Mutfwang expressed sorrow about the recent unprovoked attacks in Mangu and Bokkos local governments where lives were lost and property destroyed.

He called on Plateau residents, especially those directly affected, to remain resilient and steadfast in protecting the state’s heritage amid security challenges.