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# Terrorists kill five in Plateau community

• Bandits abduct pastor, 29 others in Kaduna church

**F**IVE persons were killed in Bokkos Local Government Area of Plateau State by gunmen on Sunday night.

Chairman, Bokkos Cultural Development Council Vanguard, Farmasum Fuddang, and Secretary, Ambassador Duwam Bosco, made this known in a statement in Jos.

The statement reads: "We wish to condemn in the strongest terms the tragic killing of five innocent young men in Mbar Community on September 15, despite prior intelligence reports of suspected terrorists' influx into the area."

According to the statement, the unarmed youths were attacked on

**From Kolade Adeyemi, Jos and AbdulGafar Alabelewe, Kaduna**

their way from Mbar town to Koh village along a bypass encircling Yelwa Nono village between 7pm and 7.30pm by fleeing terrorists on motorcycles who were initially repelled by the military from the surrounding mountains.

"By the time the security forces were informed about the attack and arrived at the scene several minutes later, the terrorists had completed their mission and fled without apprehension.

"This incident adds to a series of armed attacks in our villages, including the recent murder of 11 youths in Tarangol, Daffo, and

Bargesh villages on September 3.

Meanwhile, three people are feared killed and 30 others are reported to have been kidnapped after bandits attacked a church service in the Bakinpah-Maró community of Kajuru Local Government Area of Kaduna State on Sunday.

Although the Police authorities were yet to comment, the former chairman of Kajuru Local Government Area, Cafra Caino, confirmed the incident, said 30 persons were kidnapped.

He said the terrorists, who arrived around 10:00am in large numbers, targeted an ECWA and Catholic Church.