

Gunmen kill 27 farmers, burn houses in fresh Plateau attack



•*Mutfwang mourns, appeals for calm*

Rampaging gunmen on Monday night reportedly attacked Bindi-Jebbu of Tahoss community in Riyom Local Government Area of **Plateau State**, killing at least no fewer than 27 farmers, including men and women.

The Nation reports that many persons were also injured in the attack and were rushed to hospitals, including Jos University Teaching Hospital (JUTH), Plateau Hospital and other health facilities within the state.

The National President of Berom Youth Moulder – Association (BYM), Dalyop Solomon, confirmed the incident to reporters in Jos.

He said the gunmen stormed the community on Monday, shooting and setting houses ablaze.

He said: “Twenty-seven persons were killed and many were injured. We have taken the bodies to hospitals. “

Solomon said a date for their burial would be announced.

Security agencies, including Operation Safe Haven (OPSH) and the police command are yet to issue any statement on the situation.

Spokespersons for Operation Safe Haven and the police command, Major Samson Zhakom and DSP Alabo Alfred did not respond to messages sent to them at press time.

The Chairman of Riyom Local Government, Bature Shuwa, confirmed the incident, but could not give the casualty figure at press time.

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Plateau State Government has expressed deep sorrow over the attack.

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A statement by the Commissioner for Information and Communication, Joyce Ramnap, said: "Plateau State Government is deeply saddened by the unfortunate attack on Bidi (Jebu) community of Tahoss village in Riyom Local Government Area on Monday, 14th July, 2025, which led to the loss of lives and properties.

"This senseless act of violence by yet to be identified gunmen is strongly condemned and unacceptable.

Government sympathises with the families of the victims and all those affected by this tragic incident.

"His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Plateau State, Barr. Caleb Manasseh Mutfwang, has directed security agencies to intensify surveillance and bring the perpetrators to justice through additional deployment of troops.

"Government is appealing to the people of Bidi, Sopp and surrounding communities to remain calm, be vigilant, avoid any form of retaliation, report any suspicious activities to authorities and cooperate with security agencies.

“Security remains our collective responsibility, and government is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all citizens”
, saying he was on his way to the attacked community.