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## 4 killed, many houses burnt in Plateau •Police confirm 2

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NO fewer than four persons were killed and many houses burnt in a fresh attack on Kuka community in Shendam Local Government Area of Plateau State yesterday.

Nigerian Tribune reliably gathered that gunmen, numbering about 50, swooped on the inhabitants, who were still in bed by attacking them with sophisticated weapons.

In the attack which lasted for about two hours, the people of the community, who initially put up resistance to repel the attackers, were forced to flee as a result of the sophisticated weapons in the possession of the marauders.

It was gathered that the attackers, who probably had a good knowledge of the community, set many houses on fire before they disappeared.

Many residents were also wounded.

A member of the community, Mallam Abdullahi Ragmin, who escaped the attack by the whiskers told newsmen on phone that the attackers burnt about 200 houses and shot four persons dead, namely: Mallam Inuwa 60, Yakubu Kaura 43, Alhassan Abdullahi 50, Abdullahi Dungu 35, while Abdurrahman sustained a fractured arm, and Musa Dan Union was shot in the abdomen and is presently hospitalised.

Another member of the community, who did not want his name in print said the attackers first attacked the police post at Kuka village where they overpowered the policemen before attacking the community.

He said, "we all ran into the bush while they set our houses and mosque ablaze and shot at people at random. Military reinforcement came from Taraba State which shares a border with Kuka, 30 minutes later."

When contacted, the STF Media and Information Officer, Captain Salisu Mustapha, who confirmed the attack said: "I can only confirm two deaths. The attackers were estimated to be about 100 in number, they burnt some houses but they have been repelled and normalcy has returned."

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