

## Jos: Another 20 killed in renewed Fulani attack

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**A**S stakeholders and government of Plateau State are trying to find solution to the spate of killing in the state, gunmen suspected to be Fulani herdsmen, on Monday, killed 20 persons in Zakupwang, Fan village of Foron district, Barkin-Ladi Local Government Council of the state.

A source close to the community told the *Nigerian Tribune* that the gunmen stormed the village around 1.00 a.m. on Monday and went on shooting spree, killing 20 people in the process.

It will be recalled that Governor Simon Lalong recently set up a 14-man committee, seven each from the Berom and Fulani communities, to reconcile their differences and restore lasting peace, and committee had since commenced sitting towards ensuring that peace reign in the troubled local government.

A member of House of Representatives, representing Barakin Ladi and Riyom Federal Constituency of Plateau State, Honourable Istifanus Gyang, who confirmed the incident in a statement made available to

newsmen in Jos, said it was unfortunate that the local government was attacked again, despite several processes to bring lasting peace to the area.

"We have received, with shock, the killings of 20

people early hours of yesterday through violent attacks on seven villages of Barkin-Ladi Local Government Area. The renewed attacks are least expected at a time when concerted peace efforts and dialogue meetings

are ongoing between Berom and Fulani stakeholders."

Worried by the incessant attacks, Gyang appealed to the Berom and Fulani stakeholders not to allow the unfortunate incidents defeat the ongoing peace efforts,

adding that doing so would amount to victory to those who do not want peace and have made blood-letting their vocation and daily delight.

He further said despite this setback, he remained committed to ensuring that Barkin-Ladi/Riyom Federal Constituency was re-branded from violence and bloodshed to one of peace and prosperity.

He called on the Special Task Force (STF) to live up to its upgraded status of providing a safe haven for all communities in his constituency and the state at large.

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ADELOWO OLADIPO - MINNA

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From left, the Osewa of Ijebuland and member, Ojude Oba Planning Committee 2015, Chief (Mrs) Bisi Osibodu; Globacom Business Director, Lagos State, Mr Kunle Akanmu; chairman of the committee, Chief Wahab Osinusi and the Globacom Business Director, Ogun State, Mr Ayo Ogunranti, at a press conference held at the Ojude Oba Pavillion, Awujale's Palace, Ijebu Ode, on Monday, announcing the commencement of the festival.

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