

Family of 7 killed at Taraba, Plateau boundary

A family of seven, including an unborn baby, have been confirmed killed in an attack on Gidan Sarkin Noma in Ibbi Local Government Area of Taraba State, a boundary between Plateau and Taraba states.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Joseph Kwaji, said the incident happened on Friday, at

about midnight.

Kwaji said: "The Divisional Police in charge of the area, including the Divisional Police Officer, have been drafted to the area, which is the boundary of Plateau and Taraba states."

An eyewitness, Mallam Ilayasu Sabo, said: "We were forced to run inside River Benue and cross to

the other side of the river, because the attackers came with sophisticated weapons, shooting randomly."

Sabo said the affected family were given mass burial, as their bodies were badly affected.

According to him: "Another person was killed yesterday at Gungun Abdullahi by the same at-

tackers suspected to be Jukun Bannu."

A relation of the one of the victims, Kabiru Usman Jibbu, said: "People in the area are now living in fear, as no one knows whether the attackers will revisit."

Jibbu called on the authority of Ibbi Local Government Area and the Special Military Task Force

in Plateau State to intensify patrol of the affected boundary, to avoid further killing.

The people of the boundary between Plateau and Taraba states have not known peace, following the hostilities that resulted in the killing of seven soldiers in the area by some militias last year.