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Gunmen set pastor, wife, three children ablaze, kill three others •Police confirm 95 houses burnt

ISAAC SHOBAYO - JOS

THE troubled Barkin Ladi Local Government Area of Plateau State, on Wednesday witnessed another orgy of killings as gunmen in their large number invaded the council area, burnt a pastor, his wife and three children to death and also killed three other persons in the council area.

Nigerian Tribune learnt that the gunmen, in the early hours of Wednesday, invaded Abonong Nafok in Foron District of the local government and set the house of a cleric with the Church of Christ in Nigeria (COCIN), Reverend Adamu Gyang, on fire when all the family members, including Wurim, his wife and three children were still in bed.

A source close to the village where the incident occurred disclosed that the gunmen surrounded the house and supervised the inferno to ensure that none of the family member escaped.

They were said to have left immediately the building was completely razed to ensure that the occupants were certified dead.

Chairman, Foron branch of the Berom Youth Movement, Mr. Thomas Tsok, said the gunmen, while leaving the village, also shot two young men and molested

stroyed facilities of COCIN in Abonong and destroyed crops across 15 farms to create a road to the target village.

In the same vein, another two people were allegedly killed by gunmen in Dorowa village on Tuesday while the same gunmen shot dead one other person at a mining site in Wereh village, Ropp district of the same Barkin Ladi Local Government.

According to the member of House Representatives, representing Barkin Ladi and Riyim federal constituency, Honourable Istifanus Gyang, six villages — Loh-Fan, Loh-Pwat, Nafan, Sargas, Nzom and Ude — were also attacked on Tuesday night.

Hon. Gyang, in a press statement, accused the government of complicity, following the renewed attacks coming after the killing of over 200 in the northern Plateau two months ago.

Furthermore, there has been sustained malicious destruction of crops on farms in many villages

aimed at strangulating the communities economically as farming is their main economic activity," he said.

Meanwhile, the state police command has confirmed

that eight persons were killed during the attack.

According to a statement signed by the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Mathias Ty-

opev, upon receiving the information, the command quickly mobilised to the communities, but on approaching the areas, the attackers sighted them from

afar and escaped.

The command confirmed that eight persons lost their lives, three were injured, 95 houses were burnt down, while 310 cattle were stolen.



The bridge that collapsed at Gulbin Boka village, Niger State, during a recent flood. PHOTO: Twitter

Court remands suspected killer of *okada* rider in prison in Ekiti

SAM NWAOKO - ADO EKITI

THE suspected killer of a commercial motorcyclist in Agbado-Ekiti in Gbonyin Local Government Area of Ekiti State, Mr. Toyin Ajakaye, has been remanded in prison by an Ado-Ekiti magistrates' Court

on Tuesday on the order of the court for alleged murder of the rider named Omoniye Are.

The suspect allegedly committed the crime on August 22 at Agbado-Ekiti, according to the charge sheet with number MAD/133ft/2018.

The court that he engaged the commercial cyclist to convey him to the farm where a fight allegedly ensued between them over transport fare.

He claimed that the fight was caused by his offer to pay the deceased N100 out of the N200 the deceased de-

The suspect further claimed that the deceased held him in his private parts while he held him by the neck, and that Are died in the course of the struggle.

He also told the court that when he couldn't carry the corpse, he allegedly dug a

and buried him on the farm.

He admitted that he was arrested by passers-by, and that they were the ones who handed him over to the police.

The Investigating Police Officer (IPO), Mr. Lasisi Basiru, had alleged that the