

Gunmen kill three IDPs, injure one in Plateau

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THE gradual return of peace to Riyom Local Government Area of Plateau State has been ruptured following the killings of three internally displaced persons (IDPs), close to their camp in Jol village of the local government.

A source close to the village revealed that the IDPs, identified as Dachollom Madi, Solomon Miango and Dagul Davou Wop, were shot by suspected Fulani militias on Saturday at about 9:15 p.m., and one other sustained injuries while on their way from Vwak to Daku community.

The source said those killed were members of the IDPs in Jol who came out of their camp to look for food for themselves and other inmates of the camp, adding that those who ambushed them had earlier attacked some farmers in their farms in the area and inflicted machete cuts on them before they disappeared into the nearby hills.

A community leader in the area, Musa Dalyop, implored security agencies to come to their rescue, adding that most farmers in the community and neighbouring villages could no longer access their farms due to incessant attacks by Fulani militias.

"Recently in Jol and some neighbouring villages, these Fulani militias attacked farmers in their farms.

The State Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Mathias Terna Tyopev, who confirmed the attack, said three persons were killed and one sustained injury, adding that four of them were traveling from one part of the local government to another when they were ambushed by the gunmen.

He added that men of the command had swung into action with the aim of arresting those behind the incident.