Retired headmaster killed on New Year day in Plateau

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THE mining town in Gana
Daji in Barakin-Ladi Local
Government Area of Plateau State has been thrown
into mourning following
the murder of a prominent
community leader and retired primary school headmaster, Mr Iliya Dased, on
New Year day.

A family source told the Nigerian Tribune that the assallants; numbering about six, invaded the community at about 7:30 p.m.

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on Wednesday when residents were still in festive mood and shot sporadically into the air to disperse those relaxing in front of their houses before proceeding to the Dased family compound.

According to the source, three of the assailants entered into the sitting room of the deceased, where he was met sitting with his wife and two children, while other gunmen positioned themselves outside the house.

The source said: "Members of the family summoned courage and engaged the assailants who entered into the house, but while this was going on, those outside entered and shot Dased on the head."

He said the gunmen waited until they confirmed he had died before escaping.

Residents of the community later deposited the body at a morgue in Bisichi, also in Barakin-Ladi Local Government Area.

The source further dis-

closed that the people of the community had been living in fear for the past one month as a result of incessant attacks by gunmen suspected to be herdsmen, adding that no fewer than three persons were killed shortly before the Christmas celebrations.

When contacted, the state Police Public Relation Officer (PPRO), DSP Mathias Terna Tyopev, said the police command had commenced investigations into the incident.