

Primary school headmaster hacked to death, one other shot dead in Plateau

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GUNMEN suspected to be Fulani militia have hacked a primary school headmaster to death and shot another in Riyom Local Government Area of Plateau State.

Nigerian Tribune learnt that the gunmen, on Wednesday, at about 10:45 p.m., invaded Gwol-Hoss village in the council area and hacked one Mr Bitrus Manzere, a primary school headmaster to death.

According to a source, Man-

zere was returning home and had passed the Sector 6 Headquarters of Operation Safe Haven (OPSH) when the militia accosted him and inflicted machete cuts on him.

It was gathered that the perpetrators ensured he died before they escaped from the scene.

The source, who further disclosed that the body of the headmaster was later conveyed to a mortuary by those who discovered it the following day, added that the deceased is survived by a

wife and eight children.

It was learnt that the militia also killed a man identified as Patrick Pam at Byei village, also in Riyom Local Government Area.

According to a source close to the village, Pam (21) was shot dead close to his residence, just as he added that the gunmen also destroyed farmlands.

Coordinator of Emancipation Centre for Crisis Victims in Nigeria (ECCVN), Mr Desktop Solomon Mwantiri, while speaking on the incid-

ent, said in spite of the security intelligence gathered and disseminated accordingly to forestall the attack on the villages and communities, no action was taken towards safeguarding the targets, just as he charged security agencies to be more alive to their responsibilities.

Efforts to confirm the incidents from the state police command failed as the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the state, ASP Gabriel Ogaba, could not be reached by phone.