

Gunmen attack IDPs' resettlement site in Plateau, kill two

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GUNMEN on Wednesday evening invaded an Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) resettlement site under construction in Barakin Ladi Local Government Area of Plateau State, killing two persons and injuring three others.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the attack occurred at

about 5:00 p.m. at Rantis village of Gashish District in the council area.

Residents of the community were sacked two years ago by militias, but returned early this year to rebuild their burnt houses and restart their lives when the attack occurred.

One of the workers, Monday Dang, who escaped the onslaught, said the attack came as a shock to them because of the

series of peace and reconciliation meetings that had been held before their return.

Dang said: "The attack happened at about 5:00 pm on Wednesday when we were about closing for the day; the militias, numbering about 20, came on motorcycles, armed with sophisticated weapons and shot at us from different angles.

"They killed two persons instantly, while three others

sustained gunshot wounds. They also set a car ablaze.

"We have been working here under peaceful atmosphere to rebuild our homesteads after being displaced some years back, not knowing that our self-resettlement efforts would be thwarted by another unprovoked attack."

Dang said those who sustained gunshot wounds had been taken to Barakin-Ladi General Hospital for treat-

ment.

The coordinator, Emancipation Centre for Crisis Victims in Nigeria (ECCVN), Dalyop Solomon Mwantiri, who confirmed the incident, said the attack was one of the many onslaughts Plateau villages and communities are witnessing in recent time.

Mwantiri said the militias had been terrorising residents of Irigwe chiefdom in Bassa, Yelwa Zangam in Jos

North, Kuru in Jos South, Jol and Bachi in Riyom, Pushit in Mangu council areas of the state.

He, therefore, called on all relevant security agencies in the state to fish out the perpetrators of the crime.

Efforts to get the reaction of the state police command on the incident failed as the police spokesperson, ASP Ubah Gabriel Ogaba, could not be reached on phone.

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