

2 Gunmen kill five family members in Plateau

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GUNMEN suspected to be bandits have killed five members of a family in Jos East Local Government Area of Plateau State even as men of the state police command foiled kidnap attempts in Bassa council area.

The state police Command in a statement signed by its Public Relations Officer, ASP Alfred Alabo, pointed out that the family of five were killed in Fubur town by yet-to-be-identified persons on Friday.

He assured the families of the deceased and the people

of the local government that efforts are being made to arrest the perpetrators.

The police command also advised residents of Plateau State to get the phone numbers of security officers within their areas. This, he said, would ensure information is passed to the police and other security and law enforcement agencies to aid their timely response in case of emergencies.

Meanwhile, the command has foiled an attempt to kidnap a man and his family in Bassa Local Government Area of the state.

According to the state-

ment issued by the state police command, the incident occurred on Friday at about 11:00 pm when a gang of kidnappers stormed the residence of one Mr Mark Inkasu and attempted to force him and two other members of his family into a waiting vehicle.

It was pointed out that the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) Bassa Division, Superintendent of Police James Yekubu, received a call from a concerned citizen that some gunmen suspected to be kidnappers were operating at the residence of one Mark Inkasu.

He expressed dismay over government or the police.

"Upon receiving this report, the DPO mobilised his men and raced to the scene. On sighting the patrol vehicle, the hoodlums started shooting at the police personnel. In return, our team engaged them fearlessly. Sensing the danger that was about to befall them, the hoodlums escaped into a nearby bush with bullet wounds," the police said.

The state commissioner of police, therefore, enjoined residents of Bassa Local Government Area to go about their lawful activities as normalcy has since been restored in the area.