

Plateau killings: Bodies of village head, 11 others found, given mass burial

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THE village head of Jwak Maitumbii in Mangu District of Mangu Local Government Area of Plateau State, who was declared missing, has been found dead along with 11 others in the community by security men in the area.

It will be recalled that the Mangu Local Government Area of the state has been under attacks by the militias in the past five days, leading to the deaths of no fewer than 150 people and the destruction of properties.

A source close to Jwak Maitumbii and Dungmunan villages in the local government revealed that four days

after the militias attacked and sacked the villages, those who escaped were brought back to the villages on Friday by security men.

The source disclosed that the decomposed body of the village head along with the bodies of 11 others, were found around a building set on fire by the militias.

It was gathered that the

11 bodies and that of the village head were immediately given mass burials at the two communities of Dungmunan and Jwak Maitumbii before the bereaved families returned to the internally displaced camps in Mangu.

It was learned that the village head and 11 others, mostly aged, could not run when the militias struck and

were therefore captured and killed.

Efforts to reach the spokesman of the Plateau State Police Command, DSP Alfred Alabo, for confirmation proved abortive as he could not be reached on his phone.

Meanwhile, a group of Plateau youths known as Plateau Youths G17 has al-

leged that no fewer than 200 people have been killed in a series of attacks by unknown gunmen between April and May 2023.

The group that provided the details of attacks and casualties in a press conference in Jos on Saturday said more than 20 villages have been attacked within the last two months.