

Four killed, six injured in fresh Plateau attack

·Mutfwang condemns attack

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FOUR persons were on Sunday killed and six others injured following a fresh attack by gunmen on Shimilang community of Mangu Local Government Area of Plateau State.

Nigerian Tribune learnt that the gunmen, suspected to be herdsmen, stormed the community at about 7:30 p.m. and unleashed mayhem on residents.

A member of the community who craved anonymity disclosed that following the hoodlums' arrival, they went on a shooting spree to

scare people, before they proceeded to the house of a man identified as Stephen Datugu, where four members of the family were shot dead at close range.

The source added that the gunmen also inflicted machete cuts on the victims to be sure they were dead before leaving the scene.

A community leader, Mancham David, who expressed shock over the attack, said: "We were surprised by the attack; those killed were members of the same family, but many of us in the community keep wondering how such an attack could

take place close to a military checkpoint without the hoodlums being repelled.

"The attack lasted for more than an hour, but none of these military men came to our rescue. The gunmen had a field day and left after the operation.

"We are appealing to the government and security agencies to investigate this attack."

Meanwhile, Governor Caleb Mutfwang has expressed sorrow over the recent atrocities committed by suspected herdsmen in Gudum village.

In a condolence message

signed by his Director of Press and Public Affairs, Mr Gyang Bere, the governor sympathised with the affected families, just as he denounced "the barbaric and unacceptable nature of the orchestrated attack."

The governor also extended condolences to the communities of Maraba Pushit district and Pinper in Komun District, which were similarly attacked on November 29.

He, however, directed security agencies to go after the attackers, stressing the need for them to face the full wrath of the law.