

Gunmen invade Plateau market, kill seven, injure many

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ABOUT seven persons were killed and several others injured in Wase Local Government Area of Plateau State on Sunday following an invasion of the Zurak Campani area by

gunmen.

An eyewitness told the *Nigerian Tribune* that the gunmen, in large numbers, invaded the area on a market day when people were busy buying and selling and opened fire on people at random.

A community leader in

the area, Alhaji Ibrahim Mohammed, who escaped the attack, said the gunmen invaded the community on motorcycles and held people to ransom for about an hour.

"They arrived at the market at about 5:00 p.m. when those in the market were about to leave. Immediately

they entered the market, they began to shoot at random, while traders and buyers ran for their lives.

"They [gunmen] had a field day as no security agency came to the rescue of the people.

"They operated unhindered and escaped through

the bush after about an hour of operation.

"We are calling for more security deployment in the area because we don't know what may happen anytime soon," the community leader said.

Nigerian Tribune learnt that the gunmen had earlier written to attack the community.

Following the incident, residents have started moving to neighbouring communities for fear of further attacks by the gunmen.

Efforts to speak with the spokesman for the Plateau State police command, Alfred Alabo, failed as he could not be reached on phone.

Police rescue four abducted