

# Gunmen kill 11 in Plateau communities

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**A**BOUT 11 people were on Tuesday killed and large expanse of farmland destroyed by gunmen in Bokkos Local Government Area of Plateau State.

According to a statement by a group, Bokkos Cultural Development Council (BCDC) Vanguard, which was signed by its chairman,

Mr Farmasum Fuddang, and secretary, Mr Duwam Bosco, the gunmen attacked Daffo and Kwatas communities in the local government area at about 7:00p.m.

The group, which posited that some communities in the council have been under attack in recent times, stated that the onslaught was carried out simultaneously during a week of isolated attacks, resulting in 16 deaths.

"We feel betrayed by those responsible for our protection. Close to 10 of our members are currently lying dead; they are victims of the latest assaults in Daffo and Kwatas communities. These attacks, executed simultaneously on September 3, followed a week of isolated attacks resulting in 16 deaths.

"The latest attack in Daffo started around 7:00p.m, targeting peaceful residents

in a commercial area near a military base.

"The terrorists launched a brazen attack, leaving at least seven persons dead. At the same time, similar attacks in Kwatas and Ambul-Barkish left at least four persons.

The group commended the Sector Commander of the Special Task Force of Operations Safe Haven (OPSH) in Bokkos for responding to the attack and called for an inves-

tigation into the lack of action and alleged complacency of soldiers that were manning the nearby base in Daffo.

He said: "Our people have never launched attacks on the immigrants that have flooded our homeland, yet, we have been subjected to consistent armed attacks since 2013, resulting in over 500 deaths and the forced annexation of our communities.

"We demand answers and

swift action from those responsible. We call on the international community to rise up and demand justice for our people. We demand absolute compensation for those who have suffered violence and the dislodging of terrorist camps in the area."

An attempt to speak with the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Alfred Alabo, proved abortive as he could not be reached on his phone.