

• FROM LEFT: EKITI State governor, Mr Biodun Oyebanji, in warm handshake with the Delta State governor, Sheriff Oborewori; during the wedding ceremony of Mr Clinton Oborewori, son of the Delta State governor, in Asaba, on Saturday.

Gunmen kill 15 in Plateau community

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TRAGEDY struck on Sunday at Gidan Ado village, Ganawuri Chieftdom in Riyom Local Government Area of Plateau State when gunmen killed about 15 people and destroyed properties worth millions of naira during a mid-night operation.

Nigerian Tribune learnt that the gunmen, in large numbers, stormed the community at about 11:00p.m when most of the residents had retired to bed.

The National President of

the Irigwe Youth Development Association, Mr Ezekiel Bini, confirmed the killing of the 15 people in the attack, just as he described the incident as barbaric and a ploy by the enemies of the state to shatter the prevailing peace in the area ahead of the Christmas and New Year celebrations.

Bini said: "It was a rude shock to us considering the government and security agencies' efforts to ensure a hitch-free Christmas celebration in the state; the people

of the affected community are yet to recover from the barbaric act."

He called on security agencies and the government to take measures to curtail further security challenges in the area.

Chairman of Riyom Local Government, Honourable Sati Shuwa, who visited the village accompanied by his deputy, Honourable Gwong Song, and Secretary, Honourable Abraham Tongjing, condemned the attack and described it as evil.

The council chairman, at

the mass burial of the victims on Monday, said it was a shock that such incident could take place despite the stakeholders' meeting with the security agencies ahead of the Christmas and New Year celebrations.

He expressed sadness that despite the security meeting held recently, the hoodlums still went ahead to attack the villagers, adding that with the evidence on ground and the visit of the GOC to the scene, drastic measures would be taken to arrest the perpetrators.

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