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## Another three killed in Plateau community

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TERRORISTS in Plateau State have again attacked Hwrra village in Bassa Local Government Area of the state, killing three persons.

According to a statement issued by the Irigwe Development Association (IDA) and signed by its national publicity secretary, Mr Sam Jugo, the terrorists launched the attack on the village precisely 8:30p.m. on Monday.

The statement said the terrorists killed three persons, Yakubu Mali (48), Mangwa Ibe (40) and Israel Riti (51), adding that the security agencies had been notified of the development.

Meanwhile, the President, Plateau Indigenous Development Associations (PIDAN), Ambassador Nanpon Danjuma Shenj, has expressed disappointment over the current and persistent attacks on various parts of Plateau State, particularly the Central and Northern zones.

Addressing newsmen in Jos, Ambassador Shenj said "the recent unprovoked, cowardly and widespread attacks of defenceless women, children and unarmed men in Ruwi, Hurti and Tadaï communities of Bokkos Local Government demonstrate clearly that there are evil forces who are determined to make Plateau State ungovernable for reasons best known to them."

He extended his condolences to all the families of

those who lost their loved ones in the various attacks experienced within the last couple of months in the state, particularly the latest ones in Bokkos.

"This time round, PIDAN demands full investigations to this obvious genocide against our people. For far long, Plateau State has been in the eyes of the storm with our people being slaughtered in their homes and forcibly driven away from their farm-lands.

"These routine and unprovoked attacks have made our communities to live in perpetual fear, sleeping with one eye opened.

"If the intention of the perpetrators of these crimes against humanity is to take over the ancestral lands of our communities, let them be informed that they are wasting their time as our people will resist to the last man such dubious and evil plans," he said.

The PIDAN national president, therefore, called on all Community Development Associations (CDAs) in the state to reactivate and enhance their internal security mechanisms, particularly their vigilante groups, for the protection of their people.

He further called on the Plateau State and Federal Governments and all people of goodwill to urgently provide humanitarian assistance to the victims of the unprovoked and condemnable attacks.