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Gunmen kill police inspector, disappear with rifle in Plateau

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THE killings in parts of Plateau State took another dimension on Monday when gunmen suspected to be killer herdsmen killed police inspector, Yakubu Dauda, and disappeared his rifle in the Chwelnyap Rim community of Riyom Local Government Area, Plateau State.

The Divisional Police Officer in-charge of Riyom local government of the state David Tsado, disclosed on Tuesday during a visit by the fact-finding committee set up by Governor Caleb Mutfwang to investigate the causes of violence plaguing the state.

According to the DPO, the gunmen, who invaded the community in their large number, ambushed the police officers, murdered him and carted away his riffle adding that marauders equally killed three other inhabitants of the community.

"Yesterday [Monday], my men were on ground in the community following a report of security threats in the area not knowing that some gunmen laid an ambush. In the process of tracing the gunmen, they opened fire on our men and one of us, inspector Yakubu Dauda, unfortunately lost his life.

"His copse has been deposited in the hospital. Today, the commissioner of police deployed more men to take the fight to their den, but it was another heavy encounter. It got to a stage that we have to retrieve, " the DPO said.

The chairman of the fact finding committee, Major general Nicholas Rogers, while speaking on the committee's visit to the area said they were at the local government to find out what went wrong resulting to the incessant killing and attacks in the area, adding that "it is a very bad situation.

"We are here to identify the problems and gathered suggestions from stakeholders on who to would relevant find lasting solutions"

The youth and community leaders informed the committee pointed out that many villages were attacked, adding that in the last one month, about 9 persons were killed and 33 houses burnt, hoping that the establishment of the community would bring an end of the attacks.