

# 12 killed in fresh Jos violence

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**N**O fewer than 12 people have been killed in Barakin Ladi Local Government of Plateau State following a resurgence of violence in the area.

The latest killings brought to 19 the number of people killed in the area in the last 72 hours.

The state government

## tes fight against criminals

He said, "We found out that some of those who were robbing were actually from Rivers State. They robbed again a few days ago; they didn't know that we had started preparing for them.

"As soon as they entered the GRA, the police cornered them and they had a shootout between the police

has also imposed a 24-hour curfew in the area.

Among the dead were a police officer, Mr. Dalyop Pindar and his wife; and four children of a councillor, Mr. Pam Choji. Several houses were also razed down.

Over 60 people were said to have been arrested by the operatives of the Special Task Force.

Port Harcourt Diocese, Most Rev. Camillus Etokudoh, described Amaechi as a committed catholic.

Etukudoh called on the governor to continue in his developmental strides and prayed for God's divine support for Amaechi's administration.

The new wave of killing came barely three days after seven people were reportedly killed in an alleged attack by some itinerant herdsmen in Rakwok, a village around Kura Falls Junction off Bokkos Road, in the same local government.

Our correspondent gathered that the curfew was imposed after the state government consulted with the Commander of the STF aka 'Operation Safe Haven' Maj. Gen. Oluwaseun Osinowo.

It was further gathered that the latest attack, which started about 8pm on Wednesday, was a spill over of Monday's attack, which pitted some Fulani herdsmen against the Beroms following alleged cattle rustling.

Commissioner for Information and Communications, Mr. Abraham Yiljap, who spoke to journalists in Jos on Thursday on the development, said the situation had been brought under control.

He said, "There was a disturbance in Barakin Ladi last night, which continued this morning. But the situation is under control. However a 24-hour curfew has been imposed in Barkin Ladi and adjoining areas and security is all over the local government to curtail the escalation of the situation."

The commissioner expressed regret over the new wave of attack in the state despite several efforts to bring lasting peace to the state.