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## Gunmen kill eight in Jos

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**N**O fewer than eight persons, including two women, were said to have been killed in Heipang, in Barakin Ladi Local Government of Plateau State on Monday.

Several others were also said to have been wounded and were said to be receiving treatment at the Barakin Ladi General Hospital.

Though, details of the killings were sketchy as at press time, it was gathered that the victims were killed by a group of gunmen who operated in a Hilux van.

The invaders were said to have stormed the village, which is close to the Yakubu Gowon Airport at about 8pm, shooting indiscriminately.

Commissioner of Police, Emmanuel Ayeni, who confirmed the incident to our correspondent on the telephone on Monday, however said he was yet to be fully briefed on the incident.

He said, "I have directed the DPO (Divisional Police Officer) at Heipang to investigate what happened and they are right now inside the bush trying to get to the root of the matter."

Executive Director of Stefanos Foundation, Mr. Mark Lipdo, in a text message, said eight people were killed in the incident, adding that the victims were killed by gunmen in a Hilux patrol van like the one used by security agencies in Jos.

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