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FEBRUARY 21, 2014 BY JUDE OWUAMANAM WITH AGENCY REPORT LEAVE A COMMENT

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About 13 people were confirmed killed in another fresh attack on Thursday by unknown gunmen in Rapyem village, Fan District of Barkin Ladi Local Government Area of Plateau State.

The interim administrator of council area, Mr. Habila Dung, who confirmed the incident to our reporter, described the attacks as sad and barbaric.

He confirmed the death of 13 persons in the attack, which he said took place around 1am on Thursday.

Dung said the casualties were nine children and four adults. He said five persons who were injured during the attack were currently receiving treatment in the hospital.

Plateau State Police Public Relation Officer, DSP Felicia Anselm, said another attack took place the previous night at Fan district of Barkin Ladi Local Government Area of the state.

She said though peace had returned to the area, the police had yet to confirm the number of casualties.

The PPRO called on Plateau citizens and residents of the affected areas to go about their normal business as security agencies were on top of the situation.

Meanwhile, 6,000 villagers, including women and children, were internally-displaced in the recent insurgents in Madagali Local Government Area of Adamawa State.

This is contained in a statement issued on Thursday in Yola by Mallam Abdulkadir Ibrahim, North East Zone Information Officer of the National Emergency Management Agency.

The statement also confirmed that members of the communities from four villages had abandoned their areas for fear of further attacks.

The statement reads in part, "Isghe community, with a population of about 5,000 inhabitants, was attacked by gunmen on Saturday, February 15, 2014, the entire village was razed.

"The surrounding villages of Bitiku, Ghantsa, Kuda and Kaya have been abandoned by inhabitants for fear of further attacks."

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