

# Ex-councillor, five others shot dead in fresh Plateau attack

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## James Abraham, Jos

At least six people, including a former councillor identified as Mr Sunday Bulle, were shot dead on Wednesday night by gunmen who attacked Kwata community in the Jos South Local Government Area of Plateau State.

It was learnt that Bulle recently relocated to Kwata community to escape the series of attacks in his native Lobirin community in the Barkin Ladi Local Government Area, where he was a councillor before he was shot dead by the gunmen.

A resident of the community, Mr Solomon Dalyop, who confirmed the incident, told our correspondent in Jos on Thursday that several others were also injured during the operation which took place around 7pm.

Dalyop said, “The gunmen came in around 7pm and before anyone knew what was happening, they had opened fire on the people while shouting ‘Allahu Akbar’ during the operation.

“When they finished and ran away, six people lay dead, including a former councillor who relocated to the community from the Barkin Ladi Local Government Area. What we are witnessing in various communities in Plateau State is a new form of unprovoked aggression against the people and the government and security agents must rise in defence of the communities before the gunmen wreck more havoc on innocent civilians.”

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Both the police and the special task force deployed to maintain peace in the state had yet to make any public statement over the latest killing which came a few hours after Governor Simon Lalong promised to do everything possible to sustain peace in the state.

The governor, who said he had directed the security agents to stem the resurgence of attacks in Plateau communities in recent times, had in a statement issued by the Information Commissioner, Mr Yakubu Dati, assured the people that perpetrators of the attacks would be brought to book.