

Gunmen kill three siblings, two women in Plateau

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Gunmen, suspected to be herdmen, killed five people in two separate attacks in Kwal district, Bassa Local Government Area of Plateau State, on Tuesday night.

Our correspondent learnt on Wednesday that the incidents occurred in Kperie and Gbra Zongo communities.

It was also learnt that the gangsters killed three children from the same family in Gbra Zongo before moving to the neighbouring Kperie to kill two women.

An uncle of the slain children, who identified himself as Danjuma Anthony, confirmed the killings in Gbra Zongo to our correspondent in Jos.

He named the children as Rachel (six), Jacob (three) and Charity (one).

Anthony said, “The family is in pain because those killed during the attack in Gbra Zongo were the children of my younger brother.

“The children were sleeping in their home when around 9.45pm the gunmen, who were about three, came and killed them.

“The father was not at home because he had gone on security patrol of the community while the wife, who was at home, was sleeping in another room.

“The unprovoked attack and killing of innocent children only shows the level of insecurity our people are facing in the community. It’s really unfortunate.”

A youth leader in Kperie, Mr Rogo Friday, confirmed the killing of two women in the community.

Friday said, “The women were not from the community. They came to sympathise with a family in the community and that is how they met their death.

“Others who sustained injuries during the attack have been taken to hospital.”

All efforts made by our correspondent to get spokesman for the police in the state, ASP Ubah Ogaba, for comments were unsuccessful as he failed to answer his calls.