

## Bandits kill 10 in Plateau villages –Senator

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Bandits have killed no fewer than 10 persons in Hukke and Kyle Borough villages of Irigwe Chiefdom, in the Bassa Local Government Area of Plateau State.

The bandits reportedly sneaked into the communities at night and set some houses ablaze, killing some residents in the process.

The Senator representing Plateau North Senatorial District at the National Assembly, Istifanus Gyang, who raised the alarm on Friday, stated that the attacks by bandits on some communities in the state were frustrating the efforts by the government to curb the spread of coronavirus in the North-Central state.

Gyang, in an interview with newsmen in Abuja, noted that the bandits, who had been attacking communities in the Bassa LGA since Tuesday, invaded the area again on Thursday night.

He said, “It is sad and disturbing that while all nations, Nigeria inclusive, are battling to overcome the plague of coronavirus, killer bandits are still in the habit of attacking helpless communities of Plateau North Senatorial District.

“From Tuesday, March 31, to Thursday, April 2, the bandits attacked and killed more than 10 persons at Hukke and Kyle Borough villages of Irigwe Chieftdom, Bassa LGA.

“It is unfortunate that while the entire humanity is grappling with this scourge of coronavirus and steps are being taken globally to eradicate the scourge, bandits invaded my constituency and hit three villages.”

He added, “The hoodlums came in the night and set parts of the villages ablaze and killed more than 10 persons. This is very disturbing, sad, unfortunate, and condemnable.

“That is why I join my constituents to call on the security agencies, particularly the Operation Safe Haven in Plateau State and the police, to please rise up and take up their primary responsibility which is that of saving lives and property, particularly those of the rural dwellers in Plateau State.

“Unfortunately, this morning again, I got a report that from the affected communities that the same bandits returned there last night (Thursday), and succeeded in burning some houses.”