

Gunmen raid Plateau community, kill monarch

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A traditional ruler in the Barkin Ladi Local Government Area of Plateau State, Bulus Jang, has been killed by gunmen.

The Chairman of the Berom Youth Moulders in the neighbouring Heipang District of the local government area, Rwang Tengwong, confirmed the incident to our correspondent in Jos on Tuesday.

Tengwong said the deceased was the paramount ruler of Foron and was killed by gunmen, who attacked the community on Monday.

“We just lost one of our paramount rulers in the Barkin Ladi Local Government Area to an attack by gunmen. He was the acting District Head of Foron, Da Bulus Chuwang Jang. He was shot dead on Monday evening by gunmen around the Shen community,” Tengwong stated.

The Deputy Leader of the bBarkin Ladi Legislative Council, Pam Chollom, who also confirmed the killing of the traditional ruler, said the council had summoned an emergency meeting over the incident.

“Yes, it is true that one of our traditional rulers has been killed in an attack by gunmen. It is very unfortunate and we condemn the incident. Right now, we are currently meeting over the incident as legislators. I will let you know our stand after the meeting,” he said.

The spokesman for the state police command, Ubah Ogaba, said the incident had been reported to the command.

According to him, the state Commissioner of Police has deployed detectives in the area to unravel the circumstances surrounding the killing of the monarch and apprehend those behind it.

Ogaba said, “We are aware of the killing of the traditional ruler by gunmen; investigation into the incident has commenced.

“Already, the CP has deployed some officers in the area to investigate the matter and we are hopeful that those who perpetrated the act will be fished out and punished accordingly.”