

# Protests as gunmen strike again in Plateau, kill five

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## James Abraham, Jos

Gunmen suspected to be Fulani herdsmen struck again on Thursday, killing five persons in Jos South Local Government Area of Plateau State.

Last Monday, gunmen invaded the Foron District of Barakin-Ladi Local Government Area of the state, killing the District Head, Da Bulus Chuwang Jang. Also the rampaging gunmen on Tuesday attacked a mining site in the Riyom Council area and injured nine miners.

*City Round* gathered that the gunmen numbering about 20 stormed a drinking joint on Thursday at about 10:45 pm at Gwol village in K/Vom, Jos South Local

Government Area of Plateau State and shot five people dead while one person sustained injuries.

An eyewitness said the attack caused pandemonium in the area as residents fled their homes and fled into the bush for safety, adding that the attackers also damaged property and destroyed farms before leaving.

Reacting to the incident, women and youths took to the streets to protest against the killings.

The Co-ordinator, Emancipation Centre for Crisis Victims in Nigeria, Barrister Dalyop Solomon, condemned the frequent attacks in the state and called on the state government and security agencies to check the act.

He said, "It is unfortunate that we are experiencing this kind of attack after months of respite. The government and the security agencies need to wade in on time before it degenerates to full scale violence. There's the need for a thorough investigation, arrest and prosecution of those behind this deadly attack".

The state Police Public Relations Officer, ASP Gabriel Ubah, who confirmed the killings of five persons in the community, said the command had commenced full investigation into the incident.

He added that the state Commissioner of Police, Edward Egbuka, along with other operational personnel of the command had visited the scene of the incident.

According to him, normalcy has been restored to the affected community and more security men drafted to the area to maintain law and order.

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