

Three die as gunmen invade Plateau village

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Three persons were on Monday confirmed dead after gunmen attacked Maiyanga community in Bokkos Local Government Area of Plateau State.

One of the deceased was identified as Maham Maram, a retired police officer.

It was gathered that two other persons sustained injuries during the attack which occurred on Sunday night.

A resident of the community, Bulus Sule, who confirmed the attack to *PUNCH Metro* in Jos, the state capital, on Monday, said those injured had been evacuated to the hospital where they are currently receiving treatment.

Sule said, “It was last (Sunday) night that the gunmen came and attacked the people in Maiyanga community.

“They shot three persons dead while two persons sustained injuries in pains.”

Another resident of the community, who identified himself simply as Ilya for security reasons, condemned the attack.

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Ilya said the incident had been reported to security agents who he said arrived the community some hours after the gunmen had fled the scene.

He called on the government to beef up security in the community to forestall further attack.

Spokesman for the state police command, Alabo Alfred, who also confirmed the death of the three victims, however said efforts were ongoing to arrest the perpetrators.

Alfred said, “There was an attack on the village last night and from the report I received, three people were killed while two others were injured and are responding to treatment.

“Our men have been sent to the village with assistance from soldiers and they are combing everywhere in the bush searching for those who carried out the attack.

“We will make sure that we get the people responsible for the killing. All we want from the public is timely information so that we can take action immediately in this kind of situation.”