

Protest as gunmen kill couple, cleric's children in Plateau

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GUNMEN have again killed five people in the troubled Mangu Local Government Area of Plateau State.

Among the victims were a couple, identified as Mr and Mrs Patrick and two children of a clergyman identified as Reverend Sati.

It was learnt that the killing occurred in Nchya community in the early hours of Monday after days of respite from attacks in the LGA.

A resident of Nchya community, Philip Bitrus, told our correspondent on Monday that the incident had caused fresh tension in the locality, as angry residents took to the streets in protest.

Bitrus said, "Five people were attacked and killed by suspected Fulani militia in Nchya Village, Mangu District of Mangu Local

Government at about 1am last night (07/08/2023)

"Among the victims were Mr/Mrs Patrick and a daughter and son of Reverend Sati.

"The village where the attack occurred is less than 3 kilometres from Mangu town.

"The villagers at Nchya community moved the corpses of the victims in a

pick-up vehicle to Mangu town leading to mass protest in Mangu town.

"It's unfortunate the killing occurred again at a time when the government and other stakeholders are doing everything possible to stop further attacks on the people, especially with the recent establishment of Operation Hakorin Damisa in the Mangu LGA by the Chief of

Army Staff."

The spokesperson for the Military Special Taskforce in charge of maintaining peace in the state, Captain Oya James, confirmed the killings.

"Yes, some people were attacked and killed leading to a protest but we are on top of the situation. Our men are on the ground and we are doing everything possible to address the security challenge in the area," James said.

Workers' five-day protest affected Oyo IGR, Makinde laments

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THE Oyo State Governor, Seyi Makinde, on Monday, lamented that the five days of protest by civil servants in the state last week badly affected the internally generated revenue.

The PUNCH had reported that the workers locked the state secretariat at Agodi

in Ibadan, the state capital, throughout last week, to demand palliatives, an upward review of pension allowances, and payment of salary deduction, among others.

Makinde, who addressed the aggrieved workers at the Governor's Office, Ibadan, promised to hold a quarterly meeting with the labour leaders to close the gap of

remain.

"So, in everything we wish to do, let us remember that this is our state, we have nowhere else we can call our home. You may think that you couldn't be governor tomorrow but (Adams) Oshiomhole became governor in Edo State after being a labour leader. So, who says labour leaders couldn't become governors? So, I told them that when I made