

Death toll in Plateau attacks hits 52

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| Plateau State Commissioner for Information and Communications, Joyce Ramnap. Photo: State House

The death toll from attacks by gunmen in some communities in the Bokkos Local Government Area of Plateau State has risen to 52.

The Chairman of the Bokkos Cultural Development Council Vanguard, Farmasum Fuddang, who confirmed the development to journalists in Jos on Friday, said this followed the recovery of 40 more corpses on Wednesday and Thursday night.

He said search and rescue teams were still combing the bushes for missing persons.

Fuddang said, “Thirty-one persons were given a mass burial on Thursday, with another five underage victims burnt to ashes in Hurti village. Eleven others were killed in Ruwi village, four persons were killed in Manguna, and one person was killed in Dafo village.”

Our correspondent reports that gunmen attacked Mangor Tamiso, Daffo, Manguna (Tagai), Hurti, and Tadaï communities of Bokkos Local Government Area on the night of April 2, 2025, killing innocent citizens.

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Meanwhile, the state government said some suspects have been arrested in connection with the killings in the five communities.

The state Commissioner for Information and Communications, Joyce Ramnap, made the disclosure in a statement.

“Plateau State Government has condemned the recent wave of violent attacks in the early hours of April 2, 2025, at Manguna, Josho, and Daffo communities in Bokkos Local Government Area, in which some communities were razed and lives were lost.

“Important arrests have been made by the security agencies, and this will hopefully help in stemming the tide of this ugly situation. We strongly urge citizens to exercise restraint and refrain from taking the law into their own hands.”

Ramnap called on all residents to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activities to the relevant security agencies.