

① Seven killed, five abducted in fresh Benue, Plateau attacks

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AT least seven people were killed and five others abducted in fresh attacks in Benue and Plateau states on Monday, amid a worsening wave of northern insecurity.

The incidents occurred in Buruku and Gwer West

Local Government Areas of Benue State, and in the Dogon Ruwa community of Wase LGA, Plateau State.

② In Benue, suspected armed herders launched two separate attacks, killing five people in Mbakundu, Mbaya Council Ward of Buruku LGA, and two others on the Makurdi/Naka road in Gwer West LGA.

A local resident in Buruku, who requested anonymity, said the assailants invaded Mbakundu in the early hours of Monday, shooting indiscriminately.

“So far, five bodies have been recovered, including that of a minor. Search efforts are ongoing for missing persons,” the source said.

The resident lamented what he described as the state government’s “insensitivity” to the plight of rural communities, urging Governor Hyacinth Alia to rise to his constitutional duty of protecting lives and property.

Five soldiers in Borno military base attack

Shehu; a Delta guy, Patrick; Franklin; and two others whose full names I can’t recall. Most of us know each other by nicknames.”

The fallen soldiers were reported to be within the ranks of private and lance corporal.

Efforts by *The PUNCH* to reach the Army Public Relations Officer of Operation Hadin Kai, Capt. Reuben Kovangiya, for an official comment were unsuccessful as he did not respond to messages.