

Plateau

In Plateau, several others, who sustained injuries, were currently receiving treatment at the General Hospital in Mangu.

Governor Caleb Mutfwang, who immediately visited the hospital and the site of the tragedy, described the incident as both “deeply painful” and “entirely avoidable.”

He decried the act as a grave departure from Plateau’s renowned culture of peace and hospitality, particularly in communities like Mangun, Chakfem, and Mushere, which have shown resilience against terrorists’ incursions. Mutfwang said: “This is a tragic day for Plateau State. I never imagined that such an act could occur, especially in a community whose youths have so courageously stood by security agencies to repel criminal attacks. It is unacceptable that the same youths would abandon reason and law to perpetrate such horror.”

Mutfwang stressed that no level of frustration or insecurity justifies jungle justice, and reaffirmed his administration’s commitment to building a safe state for all, including travellers, and pledged to ensure such an incident never reoccurs.

He said: “I have personally reached out to the Governor of Kaduna State and His Royal Highness, the Emir of Zazzau, to express our heartfelt condolences. We are sending a high-powered delegation to Kaduna to deliver our message of sympathy and solidarity. We will stand with the victims’ families in this moment of grief and ensure they receive justice.”