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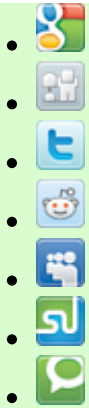


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Gunmen kill two in Plateau, as Jang charges STF to fish out bad eggs

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Two people were confirmed killed in the early hours of Sunday, in Wase local government area of Plateau state by yet to be identified gunmen.

Confirming the killing during a telephone conversation with Peoples Daily, spokesman of the Task Force in the state, Capt. Salisu Mustapha, said the deceased who were travelling on a motorcycle along the Wase – Kagarko area, when they were shot at and killed. According to eyewitness account, the two victims who were identified as Tarok men were allegedly killed by aggrieved Fulani people who were protesting over nothing had been done to identify and punish those who killed Fulani men in January.

However, in a telephone interview yesterday, Assistant Secretary of Miyetti-Allah Cattle Breeders Association (MACBAN), Abdullahi Abubakar, Wase LGA told peoples daily disassociated the Fulanis from having a hand in the incident.

Instead, Abubakar said: “the two Tarok men, we suspect, were killed by their own people following a misunderstanding during a Tarok Day celebration among the Tarok people.”

Also peoples Daily learnt from a different source that the Tarok Day celebration in question took place in Langtang while the killing of the two occurred behind Wase Rock as the two were returning from Langtang on their way to Kadarko.

However, Mustapha who disclosed that the gunmen most probably laid an ambush on the victims, shot them to death, and escaped, would neither identify the dead nor the attackers but hinted that two people had been arrested in connection with the incident and that investigation was still on.

Meanwhile, Governor Jonah David Jang of Plateau State has directed the Special Task Force in charge of internal security in Jos and environs to double efforts and fish out assassins who are taking advantage of crisis in the state to maim lives.

Jang described the isolated attacks in the state as assassination cause by enemies of the state adding that the security agencies must step up efforts to bring the perpetrators to book.

The Governor made the call through his Commissioner of Health, Fom Dakwak, yesterday in Barkin-Ladi Local Government area of the state during a free medical outreach organised by the STF as part of peace building measures in crisis riding Council Areas. According to him “ the STF and other security agencies must do everything possible to identify and arrest people that are now involve in isolating assassination and attacks because as far as we are concern in Plateau State Peace has returned but among us there those who are still perpetrating isolated assassination and isolated attacks.

Speaking earlier, the Commander, Special Task Force, Gen. Henry Ayoola said the command will no longer employ the use of weapons and maximum force in sustaining the hard end peace in the state as other peace building measures have been adopted.

Gen. Ayoola said the free medical care is geared towards healing the physical and traumatic wounds sustained at the cause of the crisis and to bring the warring groups together on the needs to embrace and forgive one another.