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Eight persons have been confirmed killed and several houses burnt in the clash between the fulani and the indigenes in four villages of Mangu Local Government Area of Plateau state; chairman of the local council, Barrister Caleb Mufwang has said.

Addressing journalists on the unfortunate incident which affected six villages and their environs, Mufwang said the incident was ignited by the killing of one Mr. Yola Micah by unknown persons in his residence in Maitumbi village on Boxing Day. The crisis climaxed with the attack by the **Fulani on some of the communities on New Year eve which led to the death of four more persons.**

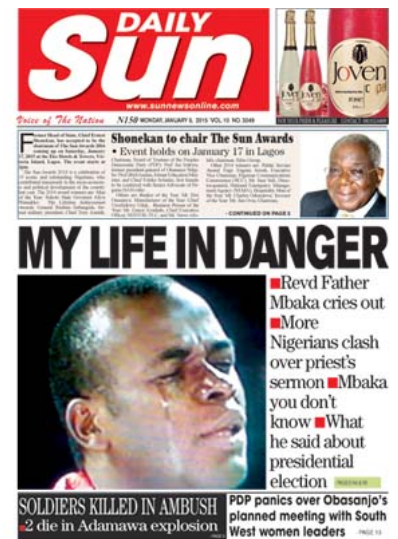
The chairman who maintained that most of the atrocities were carried out by visitors into the localities explained that just when the communities were recovering from the shock occasioned by the death of Mr. Micah, the following day, two boys who were riding on a motorcycle were ambushed and shot. One of them escaped with bullet wound while the other, Longji Mikyees was killed and his head severed from his body and taken away.

The incident was reported to Sector 8 of the Special Task Force and the men promised to look into the matter but when the youth saw there was no prompt response by the security men, they decided to trace the blood droppings of the victim to the house of one Alhaji Wada, a Fulani man living in the community.

While they were insisting that the house must be searched, a man came out of the house with a gun and started shooting at the youths and in the process, one person was injured. Still no arrest was made.

This infuriated the youths who went on rampage, burnt down houses and in the process killed a Fulani man said to have come on a visit from Barakin Ladi. The fulani in return, mobilized that night and attacked the communities again; killing four people.

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This incident, the chairman pointed out has displaced many people from the communities with many of them living with their relatives in Mangu. The council boss explained that in efforts to restore law and order, the council has been meeting with the major stakeholders in the communities and has been able to calm strained nerves.

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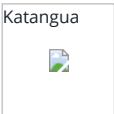
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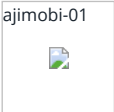


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