

10 killed as illegal miners clash in Plateau

From **Gyang Bere**, Jos

No fewer than 10 persons were confirmed dead yesterday when illegal miners clashed in Gyoro village of Gyel District, in Jos South Local Government Area of Plateau State.

The clash occurred at about 1pm, when two miners, from Gyel, in Jos South LGA and Miango, in Bassa LGA, engaged in argument over the ownership of a lucrative mining well, which snowballed into a fight that claimed 10 persons.

A miner, who gave his name as James, told Daily Sun that four persons were killed and dumped into a mining pond, adding: "I escaped being killed by a group of youths who were running after innocent persons in the mining camp. They were holding daggers and sticks, chasing after innocent persons.

"When two persons were killed from Gyel community, youths from the area quickly mobilised and killed three persons from Miango as a revenge, until the military from 3rd Armoured Division intervened and stop the killings."

Plateau State Police Commissioner, Mr. Peter Babatunde Ogunyanwo, confirmed that six persons were killed, three from each of the communities during an argument in a mining camp.

He said it took the intervention of the Special Task Force (STF), from the Rukuba Barracks and the police to restore peace in the area.

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