

Gunmen kill student, injure 2 in Plateau

From **Gyang Bere**, Jos

GUNMEN suspected to be Fulani herdsmen on Friday night killed a student of Government Science School Kuru, and injured two other students when they invaded a community close to the school at Kuru district in Jos South Local Government Area of Plateau State. It was learned that the students, who

moved out of the school to a nearby community without permission, ran into the gunmen who were going to attack the community.

The school's principal, Dabit Yohanna, who confirmed the incident, expressed regret that the victims stepped out of the school at about 7:30pm without the knowledge of the school authority.

"It is unfortunate that three of our

students went out of the school premises without permission and were caught up with gunmen who open fire on them, killing one and injuring two.

"Those injured were taken to the hospital and have been discharged. But unfortunately, one of the students was killed at the scene," he stated.

But Plateau State Police Command said the gunmen did not attack the school. Rather, it maintained that the incident was a case of hoodlums firing around Mararaban Jama'a around the school area.

The Command in a press statement signed by the Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Alabo Alfred, said the attention of security agencies was drawn to the scene and responded swiftly.

"The attention of the Plateau State Police Command has been drawn to news making the rounds in some sections of the media space alleging erroneously that Science School Kuru, Jos was under attack by some groups believed to be terrorists.

"The Command wishes to set the records straight that on 10/06/2022 at about 20:00hrs, information was received at our end that some unknown hoodlums were firing along Mararaban Jama'a, Riyom road not Science School Kuru, Jos, as it is reported by a cross-section of the media.

"Upon receipt of the report, a high-powered team of policemen and other security agencies swiftly mobilised to the scene of the incident but on reaching there, the gunmen had fled leaving behind one person dead and three others injured."

The Commissioner of Police Plateau State Command, Bartholomew Onyeka advised members of the public to go about their lawful business as normalcy has been restored in the area.

Anxiety as gunmen whisk away 15 youths in Imo ... Invade radio station, abduct Prof Adiele

From **Stanley Uzoaru**, Owerri

EKWE community in Isu Local Government Area of Imo State was gripped by fear on Saturday as gunmen whisked away 15 youths at Njaba Bridge – to an unknown location.

A source who disclosed the incident Sunday Sun said the gunmen stormed the community through the Njaba River, a boundary between Ekwe community and Amucha in Njaba LGA.

According to the source, the youths were said to be excavating sand at the Njaba River when the gunmen swooped on them and took them away after shooting sporadically in the air and searching for other youths in the vicinity.

"This morning, some masked gunmen invaded our community, Ekwe, through Amucha, arrested some young men who were excavating sand at Njaba River.

"After that, they went into the community shooting sporadically leading to people running helter-skelter.

"Some ran into the surrounding bushes to escape arrest. The gunmen were arresting only male young men. They ignored girls and women as well as elderly men.

"Later, they stormed the palace of our traditional ruler, Eze Nicholas Ibekwe, commanded all to lie down and fired about 20 gunshots into the air. They didn't kill anybody but we are hearing that some might have sustained gunshot

injuries," the source said.

The traditional ruler of the community, Eze Nicholas Ibekwe, confirmed the incident. He disclosed that four of the gunmen stormed his palace and ordered everybody in his palace to lie face down.

The monarch narrated that before storming his palace, he had already got wind that gunmen were in custody of 15 of his subjects who were excavating sand at Njaba River.

Ibekwe disclosed that one of the youths alerted the community after his release. He said he was released because of his visual impairment.

The traditional ruler revealed that four of the gunmen did not cover their face but wore camouflage.