

# Death toll in Plateau killings rises to 125

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The death toll from the recent attacks in over 20 villages in Mangu Local Government Area of Plateau State rose to 125 on Friday May 19, 2023.

The National President of Mwaghavul Development Association, MDA Sir, Joseph Gwankat, revealed this yesterday in Jos at a press conference at the NUJ Press Centre, Jos.

Gwankat, who is also the Makaman Panyam, alongside other officials of MDA, said that they have buried about 125 people killed in Mangu so far due to the unprovoked attack unleashed on them by suspected Fulani mercenaries and terrorists.

He noted that the attacks have rendered over 20,000 persons, mostly women and children, homeless.

According to him, several other victims were brutally butchered and

dumped in a well, saying that many people were still missing in the various villages.

"We want the world to know that what is happening to us can best be described as genocide. It is systematic and deliberate ethnic cleansing

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The former governor of Edo State, Comrade Adams Oshiomhole-led National Working Committee (NWC) of the All Progressives Congress (APC) has explained why they supported the Candidature of the President-elect, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu.

Oshiomhole-led NWC was sacked in June 2020 after Oshiomhole was suspended by his ward in Edo State.

The NWC members, who spoke to the media on Friday, asked President Muhammadu Buhari to apologise to them for dissolving their Working Committee.

of minority tribes in Nigeria and we cannot allow this to continue.

"We are calling on our people to arise and defend themselves, their God-given land and properties with all that they have. We will not

## Why we supported Tinubu as Presidential candida

Also, the former NWC members called on the President-elect to revisit their sack as NWC members.

Speaking to the media, the former APC Acting National Chairman, NTUFAM Hilliard Eta, said the dissolution of the Oshiomhole-led NWC was unwarranted.

Eta said that the reason some party members were against Oshiomhole-led NWC was because of their alleged support for the President-elect, Asiwaju Tinubu.

Eta, who spoke at the Unity Fountain in Abuja on the occasion of the countdown to inauguration day, said: "I welcome you most specially to this occasion.

leave our land of heritage, this is the only place we can call our own; we have no any other place to run to, and about 20 villages by the invasion.

"We will not leave our land of heritage. This is the only place we can call our own. We have no any other place to run to," he said.

"This occasion is the gathering of political champions of the Comrade Adams Oshiomhole's-led National Working Committee of the All Progressives Congress (APC), as we do a countdown to the presidential inauguration.

The essence of this gathering is to bring to the fore, the significant roles played by these courageous Nigerians towards the realisation of the presidential project of our President-elect, Senator Bola Ahmed Tinubu.

"Needless to state that at the period, Asiwaju Ahmed Tinubu remained the National Leader of the All Progressives Congress, and he never hid his intention to contest for office of the President from anyone."