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Bandits kill 21 in Plateau midnight attacks

At least 21 people were on Tuesday night killed in two separate attacks by suspected Fulani bandits in the Bwai and Samba villages of Mangu and Riyom local government areas of Plateau State.

The member representing Mangu South Constituency in the Plateau State House of Assembly, Hon. Bala Fwangje and the member representing Riyom State Constituency, Hon. Timothy Dantong confirmed the attacks.

Fwangje who confirmed the

attack to our correspondent in Jos yesterday said the attacks occurred around 11 pm, "we had a call that herdsmen came into Chisu and Bwai, this morning we confirmed the killings of 14 of my constituents while several houses were destroyed, properties burnt.

He condemned the incessant attacks on his constituents from May to date which he said have claimed hundreds of innocent lives without provocation.

Also confirming the killings, Hon. Timothy Dantong said seven persons were killed on Tuesday night in Samba Village of Riyom Local government of the state.

"I want to confirm to you that seven persons were last night killed in Samba village in my constituency, this evil act has continued unabated and this is sad. I am on my way now for the mass burial, the security agencies must take seriously the responsibility of pro-

tecting and safeguarding the lives of innocents in this state."

New Telegraph learnt that the incident occurred in the late night of Tuesday when residents had gone to bed and the attackers stormed their communities, burning some in their homes as well as setting their properties ablaze.

The COCIN RCC Church in Bwai which is along the Mangu-Bokkos road was also burned along with houses, vehicles and tri-

cycles. People in the Chisu community heard continuous gunshots and ran to the residence of their community leader, unfortunately the house was also set on fire, and 11 burnt bodies were picked up this morning while the search is still ongoing.

However, the State Police Command did not confirm the incident as the Police Spokesman, DSP Alfred Alabo did not pick up his call at the time of the report.



Gunmen

Court sends 2 men to life imprisonment for defiling 13-year-old girl

Francis Iwuchukwu

For having sexual intercourse with a 13-year-old girl, a cobbler, Alex Michael and a self-acclaimed cleric, Yakubu Isiaka, were yesterday sentenced to life imprisonment by Justice Raman Oshodi of a Lagos Sexual Offences Court in Ikeja.

The duo were sent to life in jail after being found guilty on two-count designated ID/12196C/2020 as made against them by the Lagos State Government.

fession in Exhibit P2 was corroborated by the IPO, who testified that the first defendant admitted that he had sexual intercourse with the victim three times.

"I also believe that the first defendant had the opportunity to commit the crime. He was the survivor's neighbour and knew her well.

"I believe that the confession in Exhibit P2 is possible and is consistent with other facts which have been ascertained as articulated in this judgment.

"Consequently, I believe that

cers at the Owutu Police Division, Ikorodu.

"You, Mr Alex Michael, said that you had sexual intercourse with the victim three times because she was flirting around you. You also shared phonographic materials on your mobile phone with the victim.

"As for you, Mr Yakub Isiaka (a.k.a. Alfa), the evidence shows that you had sexual intercourse with the victim twice. The first time, you gave her N500, the second time, you gave her N200.

"Consequently, I believe that