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Gunmen kill 21 persons in fresh Plateau attacks

Gunmen have killed 21 persons in the Baton and Rayogot, Heipang District in the Barkin Ladi Local Government of Plateau State. Berom Youth Movement (BYM) spokesman Rwang Tengwong confirmed this in a statement. Tengwong said the at-

tack on the communities occurred at 1.26 a.m. on Thursday and left seven other persons with various degrees of injuries. Tengwong, who decried the unprovoked attacks in some parts of the state, called on government and security agencies to rise to the challenge and end arbitrary kill-

ings in the state. "21 persons have been killed in an attack in two different villages in Heipang District of Barkin Ladi. The attackers, who came around 1.26 am killed 17 Per-

sons at Batin of Heipang town while four others were killed at Rayogot. "Seven other persons sustained various degrees of injuries," he said. The spokesperson, however, called on residents of

the communities to remain calm and be law-abiding. Governor Caleb Mutfwang condemned the attacks and called on security agencies to fish out the perpetrators and bring them to book.

Mutfwang's condemnation of the act and order to security agencies is contained in a statement issued in Jos by Gyang Bere, the governor's Director of Press and Public Affairs, DOPPA.

