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43 killed in Plateau, Kaduna attacks

...as university management shut down institution over insecurity

Twenty persons have been killed by suspected herdsmen in fresh attacks in two Plateau communities of Mangu and Bokkos Local Government Areas of Plateau State.

Saturday Telegraph gathered that 15 villagers, mostly women, were on Thursday night attacked and killed at Tilengpat, Pushit, communities of Mangu Local Government Area.

Also on the same Thursday night five persons including a student of Plateau State University were killed in Butura Communities of Bokkos Local Government.

The Chairman of Mangu Local Government Area, Hon. Markus Artu, confirmed the killings from the fresh attacks.

Following the killings a 200-level student of the institution, the management of the Plateau State University Bokkos, suspended examination and shut down the institution.

The university's Registrar, Yakubu Ayuba announced the shutdown of the institution in a statement on Friday.

He said: "Following the sad incident that occurred in Plateau State University Bokkos and the surrounding community on Friday, April 19, and because of the psychological effects of the unfortunate incidents on the students and staff of the university, the management has taken the

painful decision to close the university for ten days with effect from today, 19th April, 2024.

Also, at least 23 people have been reportedly killed by bandits, who attacked the Anguwar Danko community near Dogon Dawa district in the Eastern part of Birnin Gwari Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

Birnin Gwari shares a border with Katsina State.

A community leader, Zubairu Abdulrahuf, told reporters that bandits in large numbers invaded the community on Wednesday night.

During the invasion, Ab-

dulrahuf said bandits started shooting sporadically to scare residents, and in the process, more than 20 persons were shot to death.

He disclosed that while five people sustained varying degrees of injuries from gunshots, some other residents are still missing after the attack.

The university's Registrar, Yakubu Ayuba said:

"This decision is to allow the security situation to improve and to lessen the human risk to the university community.

"Accordingly, the ongoing first semester examinations are hereby suspended and to resume on Thursday,

May 2."

The Registrar added that the "management has made available buses to convey students who may be stranded from the university to Barkin Ladi.

"This is coming despite the relentless effort by the Plateau State government, security agencies, the Management of the University and other stakeholders at improving the security situation on our campus and the surrounding communities.

"Unfortunately, the enemies of the University and the state brought this dastardly attack leading to the loss of our dear student.

Aggrieved passengers to file class action as Air France violates passengers' rights

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Some aggrieved Nigerians have decided to file a class action lawsuit against Air France for what they described as the carrier's inhuman treatment of travellers who are billed to travel to Nigeria.

For more than one week, Air France had been in the news for the wrong reasons as their flights, particularly to Lagos were never on time as the carrier failed to inform connecting passengers and passengers from Charles De Gaulle Airport, Paris, of the change of schedule.

On getting to the air-

port, passengers, who arrived early for the 4pm flight, were confronted with the disappointment of flights not leaving until 10 pm with the passengers arriving the next day at 4am.

Some of the passengers, who spoke to Saturday Telegraph from Paris, expressed their frustration at the behaviour of Air France alleging that they maltreated them by not giving them compensation to cover the long hours of delay.

Some of the protesting passengers who were seen sleeping on the floor of the terminal said the action of the French carrier amounted to a violation of their rights.

It was however not clear why Air France shifted its schedules out of Paris to Lagos abruptly as efforts to reach the carrier proved abortive.

One of the passengers, Capt. Noggie Meggison who was in transit from Canada told our correspondent said he had a heated argument with the staff of the airline in the Business Class Lounge as he expressed Nigerians' dissatisfaction with the treatment meted out to the passengers.

The argument led to a threat by the airline's official to threaten to invite the Police; a situation that infuriated the former President of Airline Operators of Nigeria (AON).