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Again, bandits kill 9 persons, raze 6 houses in Plateau

Bandits have again killed nine persons and destroyed six houses in the Zurak and Dakai communities in the Wase Local Government Area of Plateau State.

A statement by Mr Alfred Alabo, the Public Relations Officer (PPRO) of the state Police Command, however said that the bandits met an "aggressive on-

slaught" by a combined team of security personnel.

"Some of the bandits were killed and one arrested at the Bangalala forest in Wase which is a border between Plateau, Bauchi and Taraba states," he said.

According to him, other bandits who fled during the operation, attacked Zurak and Dakai Villages, killed nine persons and burnt

down six houses.

"Following the incident, the Commissioner of Police, has deployed more personnel to the area and directed the Area Commander of Langtang to relocate to Wase with immediate effect

"One of the bandits, who escaped and went to seek treatment

at a hospital in Wase, was arrested with gunshot wounds.

"He has been transferred to the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID), for further investigation," he said.

He said that the commissioner, who commiserated with those who lost their loved ones, assured

residents of the command's readiness to secure lives and property in the state. Recall that bandits had on Monday evening attacked Zurak village in Bashar District of Wase Local Government Area of Plateau State, killing at least 40 persons, including vigilantes and burning several houses.

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Catholic Priest kidnapped in Adamawa