

Plateau Attack: Soldiers hit Zurak community as death toll rises to 56

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The Military Special Task Force codenamed Operation Safe Haven has been deployed to the Zurak community in the Wase Local Government Area of Plateau State.

The soldiers are to take charge of security as the death toll from Monday's attack on the community has risen to 56.

In the attack, bandits killed 40, injured many others and burnt many houses, a development that caused residents of the area to flee to neighbouring communities.

A traditional ruler, Lawal Idris, who said he had participated in burying some of the victims, said the death toll had risen to 56, adding that on Tuesday, the figure was 50 but six more dead bodies were later recovered.

"Based on our calculation, 56 persons lost their lives. Six bodies were found after the first 50 were buried. All of them were male," the traditional ruler said.

Idris added that soldiers arrived in the community late yesterday, after those killed were buried, which according to him, has restored confidence in the residents.