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15 killed in Plateau attacks

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Jos – Eight people have been confirmed dead in the last two days in separate attacks by gunmen in two villages of Riyom Local Government Area of Plateau State.

The killings is being linked to the killing of six cows and injuring of some others in the area last Sunday.

The gunmen reportedly struck at **Dukum village** on Monday **killing six people** while **two others** were killed around **Tanjol** village on Tuesday.

Media Officer of the Special Task Force (STF) in the state, Captain Salisu Mustapha confirmed the killings saying they are suspected to be **reprisals arising from the killing of the cows.**

He said four people have been arrested and were helping with investigations.

Meanwhile hostilities between some **communities in Wase** Local Government Area of the state has continued despite various peace initiatives by security agencies and the local government council.

Different communities continue to trade accusations of attacks from the other side. For example a group known as **Ngwang Isihi Otarok** in a statement n Wednesday alleged that **Tsamiya village** came under attack during which **seven** people were killed and houses razed.

The statement signed by its Secretary, Nanlir Napbut said the people stood up to the attackers and succeeded in repelling them after they had already done a lot of damage.

He said the situation was worsened by the arrival of military men who stormed the village after the attack opening fire indiscriminately leading to more deaths.

“These series of attacks on the Taroh Nation is nothing less than terrorism. We are calling on the international community to come to the aid of the Taroh man in Wase LGA”, it said.