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JOS — NO fewer than 82 persons were yesterday killed in Plateau, Kaduna and Yobe states following separate attacks by some unidentified gunmen.

At least 32 people, including two members of the Special Task Force, STF, maintaining security in the state, were killed in the bloodbath in two communities of Riyom Local Government Area of Plateau State early yesterday when gunmen attacked the villages.

The communities, Atakar and Rajat, which are boundary villages between Plateau and Kaduna states were attacked at about 3a.m. by gunmen said to have come in large numbers.

An eyewitness said 19 people were killed at Rajat, 11 at Atakar while about 60 houses were burnt.

"The gunmen started shooting sporadically and setting homes on fire. They then shot anyone that ran out of the houses to escape," a survivor, Joel Mana said.

30 killed in Kaduna

Also, in Kaduna State, gunmen suspected to be Fulani, killed no fewer than 30 people in Kirim, Zagan and Zandyen villages and razed hundreds of houses in the three communities.