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29 killed in another Plateau attack

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About 29 people were reportedly killed in two villages along the Barkin-Ladi Bokkos Road in Plateau State in a fresh attack yesterday.

This brings to 47 the number of people killed in different attacks in the state since Monday.

Although security agencies have not given any official figure of those killed in the latest attack, Mr. Mike Lipido of Stefanos Foundation, a non governmental organization, said 29 deaths were recorded in the two villages.

The killings are believed to be a continuation of reprisal attacks between locals and Fulani herdsmen which have left scores dead in the last few weeks.

An eyewitness said some of the attackers barricaded the Barkin-Ladi – Bokkos highway attacking vehicles and travelers. He confirmed seeing four corpses on the road.

The state Commissioner of Police, Mr. Chris Olakpe, confirmed the attack but declined to give the number of those killed. He said prompt intervention of security agencies contained the situation.

He said a committee, made up of traditional rulers and the police had been put in place, for intelligence gathering and checkmate threat to peace in troubled parts of the state.

The Media Officer of the Special Task Force (STF) in Plateau State, Captain Salisu Mustapha, could not give details of yesterday's attack when contacted as he said he was on his way to the area with his commander.

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