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Jos—A fresh attack, late Monday night, at Rotsu village of Irigwe Chieftdom in Bassa Local Government Area of Plateau State, has left one person dead and about 30 houses razed.



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This came as the *Operation Safe Haven* said it will investigate the purported involvement of its personnel in Nkyie Doghwro village attack, where 29 persons were killed.

Vanguard gathered also that the personnel have been withdrawn and sent to the *Operation Safe Haven* headquarters for questioning, especially when there was curfew restricting residents' movements at night.

This is just as the state Police Command, yesterday, announced a deployment of more units of the Police Mobile Force as well as surveillance helicopter to patrol the troubled villages of Irigwe Chieftdom in Bassa council.

Also, it was learned that Rotsu, few kilometres away from Nkyie Doghwro, where 29 persons had earlier been killed, recorded such minimal casualty because the village had been deserted following series of attacks on neighbouring communities in the past one week.

Though only a life was lost, but properties worth millions of Naira, including farm produce, were lost to the attack.

Meanwhile, the Minister of Youth and Sports, Mr. Solomon Dalung, has expressed sadness over killings in the two separate attacks in Jos North and Barkin Ladi.

Reacting to the barbaric attacks, the minister wondered why such attacks were becoming more rampant despite the presence of armed personnel, including the Joint Task Force.

Police report

The state's Police Public Relations Officer, Mathias Tyopev, told journalists, yesterday, in Jos that the Commissioner of Police, Jeremiah Undie, ordered



intensive patrol of all nooks and crannies of the state, as there were threats of attacks in three other local government areas of the state.

According to Tyopev, “on October 15, at about 1p.m., we received a distress call that some people were attacked at Nkyie Doghowro village in Bassa Local Government Area. We rushed to the place and discovered that some people were killed.

“Yesterday (Monday), they were given mass burial. Today (yesterday), the Commissioner of Police in company of the Operation Safe Haven Commander and the Governor of the state visited the area.

“More troops have been deployed to the place; three more units of the Police Mobile Force have been deployed to the area, and the Police surveillance helicopter has been stationed to respond to any situation.

“As I speak with you, the area is relatively calm; we are monitoring the area seriously.”

Speaking on the fresh attack at Rotsu, where 30 houses were burnt and one person killed, he said: “Three houses, not 30, were burnt.

“Immediately we got a call from the village that some people were about to attack the village, the Police deployed the Armoured Personnel Carrier to the place and the attack was repelled. No arrest has been made so far, but investigations are ongoing.

Standing order

“Whoever has anything that will help us in our investigations should please come forward. The Deputy Commissioner of Police in-charge of Criminal Investigations