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Plateau pastor, wife, 3 children, others killed in fresh attacks

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Jos—IN fresh attacks on Barkin Ladi Local Government Area of Plateau State by herdsmen, a resident Pastor of Church of Christ in Nation, COCIN, LCC Abonong, Foron District, Rev. Adamu Wurim, his wife and three children were among those killed Tuesday night.

The pastor and members of his family were said to have been burnt to death when the assailants razed properties, including the COCIN church and the pastor's residence.

No fewer than 10 persons were killed in Barkin Ladi attacks between Tuesday and Wednesday.

Lawmaker gives account

Member representing Barkin Ladi in the state House of Assembly, Peter Gyendeng, told *Vanguard* yesterday: "Yesterday (Tuesday) evening around 4p.m., we received information that some youths were attacked at a mining pond at Wereh, Barkin Ladi.

"One was shot dead, two others, who were also shot, survived and are receiving treatment in a hospital now. Apart from those three, we are still searching for the corpses of another set of two youths who were killed earlier.

"That same yesterday, at about 8pm, we received information that villages in Foron were under attacks.

"In Abonong and Bek attacks, a reverend, his family and four other people were killed. This morning (Wednesday), Fan was attacked and one person killed.

"As we speak, we are at a Police Station in Barkin Ladi to lay complaints because one woman was killed when she asked soldiers to leave youths alone for defending themselves and to go after the killer-herdsmen.

“She blocked the road, asking the soldiers to release the boys. But the soldiers shot and killed her. We are here in Barkin Ladi to report the issue. I will be heading to the affected areas to see things for myself and get the full details of what happened.”

Security agents mum

Security sources did not confirm the incidents, as the spokesman of *Operation Safe Haven*, Major Adams Umar, did not pick calls to his phone, while that of the state Police Command, DSP Mathias Tyopev, said he was yet to be briefed by the DPO from Barkin Ladi.

However, a resident, Gyang Elisha, said: “Apart from the pastor’s family, two persons were killed near his house. The pastor and his family were in the house, when the herdsmen burnt it down.

“One person was also killed at Dorowa.”

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