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12 killed, 5 injured as gunmen attack 3 Plateau villages

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CUSPECTED herdsmen reportedly Skilled over 12 persons and injured five others, Sunday night, in a fresh attackon Kushevillage, Sabon Layi, in Kuru District of Jos South Local Government Area of Plateau State.

(1) It was gathered that the gunmen invaded the village shooting sporadically while the people were asleep.

A source gave the names of those killed as Darap Rap, Stephen Rap, Ibrahim Dong, Feng Gyang, Davou Matthew, Naomi Samuel, Kaneng Dung, Davou Pam, James Forn, Gyang Juma, David Dalyop and Emmanuel Paul.

While the names of those injured were given as Abigail Chuhwak, Kangyang John, Joy Sallau, Grace Dachung and Simon Jama.

The member representing Jos South/ Jos East Federal Constituency in the House of Representatives, Dachung Bagos, who visited the village, said: "We are tired of the continued killings in my constituency without any help, government must rise to its responsibility of protecting lives and property.

"I urge my people to defend themselves because the government has failed in its responsibility of defending the people."

The senator representing Plateau North in the National Assembly, Istifanus Gyang, also lamented the continued killings, saying despite efforts to make residents live in peace, some enemies of the zone are still bent on causing mayhem.

Gyang insisted security agencies must always be proactive and decisive in confronting insecurity since citizens have handed over that responsibility to both government and security as the dereliction of such duties would amount to more agitation.

However, the Police Public Relations Officer of the State, ASP Gabriel Uba, who confirmed the incident, said: "Personnel of the command and the military have been deployed to the affected area. The Commissioner of Police has ordered an immediate investigation to unravel the circumstances surrounding the killing and to bring the perpetrators of that dastardly act to book."

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