Gunmen kill 3, injure 3 others in Plateau village attack

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JOS— THREE people were killed and three others injured when some gunmen attacked Hukke village, Miango District, Irigwe Chiefdom of 3 Bassa Local Government area of Plateau State, Sunday.

The incident was confirmed. vesterday, by Danjuma Auta, Secretary-General, Irigwe Development Association and Davidson Malison, National Publicity Secretary of the association.

The duo in separate messages gave the names of the deceased as "Barry Ive

(42yrs), Isaiah Gado (45 yrs) and Weyi Chohu (40 yrs) and those who sustained gunshot injuries and currently receiving treatment as Bosco Gbere (50 yrs), Barnabas Lundi (20 yrs) and Moses Bombo (28yrs)."

However, Malison explained that the victims were attacked in their homes.

His words: "The militia stormed the community in the evening of Sunday. They came with their cattle and started shooting sporadically to scare the community members.

"While residents were scampering for safety, some were hit by the bullets and others injured, they ended up killing three and injuring three.

"Before the attack, they have been grazing on farmlands and destroying ready to be harvested crops, despite the warnings from security agents against the practice."

There have been series of attacks and destruction of crops in the community in the past few years. Some members of the community have relocated as their homes were razed and their means of livelihood destroyed.

The State Police Command did not confirm the incident as the Police Public Relations Officer, ASP Gabriel Uba could not be reached for comment.