



## Gunmen kill 3 in Plateau

● *Gov spits fire over attempt to breach peace*

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**J**OS—THREE persons have been killed by gunmen at Rafin Bauna, Bassa Local Government Area, LGA, of Plateau State.

The victims were said to be on their way from Dutsen Kura to Rafin Bauna when they were ambushed and killed on January 2, 2022, by assailants who are at large."

Reacting to the killing, Governor Simon Lalong of the state expressed sadness over the killing and ordered security agencies in the state to "go after the assailants."

Governor Lalong who condemned the act, described the attack as "yet another callous attempt by the enemies of peace to begin the New Year with violence," stressing, "the Government will resist such attempts with all resources available to it."

The governor equally warned kidnappers to leave the state as "anyone caught and convicted for kidnapping will face the death penalty."

The warning may not be unconnected with the recent spate of kidnappings such as the abduction of a traditional ruler, a former local government Chairman, a lecturer with the State University and two other citizens within eight days.

Speaking at the Catholic Cathedral at Shendam, the Governor in a statement by his Director of Press and Public Affairs, Makut Macham, said "security report available indicates that the victims were on their way from Dutsen Kura to Rafin Bauna when they were ambushed and killed by assailants who are at large."

He asked the security agencies to "conduct thorough investigation and ensure that the assailants are fished out and brought to justice" as "the Government is more than ever committed to making life difficult for criminals."