

# Plateau: Five killed in fresh incident in Mangu

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JOS - Armed men in the Jearly hours of yesterday, killed four people in the Nchya community, Mangu District of Mangu Local Government in Plateau State as stray bullet fired by a security personnel gunned killed one other at the Gindiri junction of the council.

This brought to five the number of people killed.

The Nchya community is about three kilometres from Mangu town, and it

was gathered that some gunshots were initially heard in the community at 10p.m., on Sunday until the tragedy happened about 1a.m., yesterday.

Among the four killed were a couple, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick as well as two children of a cleric identified as Rev. Sati Auta.

A resident, Nandi Nanribet confirmed that community members moved the corpses in a pickup van to Mangu town and this led to a protest in Mangu town although there was calm at press time.

The state Police

spokesman, Alfred Alabo and the Transition Committee Chairman of the council, Markus Artu could not be reached for their reactions.

But the spokesman of Operation Safe Haven, OpSH, Captain James Oya explained what happened.

According to him, "The issue is an assassination, it is not the whole village that was attacked. The people went specifically to a particular house, shot and killed a man and his wife and I think one of their children. Our men responded swiftly but

unfortunately, they were unable to stop the situation, some arrests were made in connection with the incident.

"There was a protest this morning (yesterday). They said some of their youths were arrested but we brought them to check the guard room if any of their men were there but none was there. Someone came up with the lies. When they were protesting, the soldiers shot in the air to disperse the protesters but unfortunately, a stray bullet hit one of the protesters and he died."