

Fresh attacks claim lives in Plateau communities

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JOS—FRESH attacks Tuesday night in the Daffo and Kwatas communities of Bokkos Local Government Area of Plateau State have claimed no fewer than seven lives, sources said.

Natives had gone on many social media platforms calling for assistance to repel the attackers, whom they said were lurking around the communities in the evening of Tuesday. They succeeded in carrying out the attacks about 7p.m.

The Media Officer of Operation Safe Haven, Major Samson Zhakom said at press time that he was awaiting details of the incident before he could comment.

The natives under the aegis of Bokkos Cultural Development Council, BCDC, confirmed to Vanguard that the area has been under persistent attacks since May 2024.

Chairman of the group, Farmasum Fuddang said: "We are deeply saddened by the resurgence of deadly attacks targeting ethnic minorities in the Bokkos council. Despite the Nigerian military's peace agreements, over 30 killings and 1,000 farm destructions have occurred since May 2024.

"We feel betrayed by those responsible for our protection. Close to 10 of our members are currently lying dead, victims of the latest assaults in the Daffo and Kwatas communities. These attacks, executed simultaneously on September 3, followed a week of isolated attacks resulting in 16 deaths.

"The latest attack in Daffo started about 7p.m., targeting peaceful residents in a commercial area near a military base.

"The Fulani-speaking terrorists launched a brazen attack, leaving seven persons dead. At the same time, similar attacks in Kwatas and Ambul-Barkish killed at least four people," he added.