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Gunmen kill 10 persons in central north Nigeria: police

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JOS, Nigeria, Feb. 22 (Xinhua) -- At least 10 persons were killed in a village by unknown gunmen in central north Nigeria's Plateau State, local police spokesperson said on Friday.

State police spokesperson John Onuigbo confirmed the incident to Xinhua in Jos, the state capital, saying 10 people, believed to members of one family, were killed Thursday night through gun shots in Kogom Village of Vwang District, Jos South Local Government Area of Plateau State.

He said police were investigation the incident, adding that no arrest has been made so far.

Habila Musa, a survivor told Xinhua that the attackers were people in military uniforms, noting that the operation lasted for about an hour.

"But no one came to our aide, after several calls to the recently introduced emergency security mobile phone numbers issued by the Special Task-force (STF), but to no avail," he added.

A Xinhua reporter in the state said most of the victims were mourners who came to condole with a family who lost their grandma days back.

A spokesperson to the state governor, Ayuba Pam who hail from the area described the incident as barbaric and stressed that government will not rest in the search for lasting peace in the state.

Pam told Xinhua that he received a call from the state security outfit informing that there was an attack in Kogom Village where 10 people were killed.

A local district head Choji Balack condemned the attack and called for immediate withdrawal of men of the STF in the state, claiming that the Fulani tribe cannot carry out such kind of shooting.

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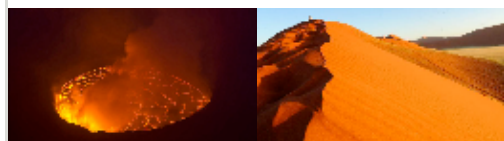
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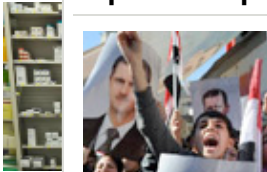
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