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Gunmen Kill 3 Miners at Plateau Mining Site in Nigeria

A true story of faith under pressure. Read the first half below, then continue online.

KEY SPIRITUAL TAKEAWAY

"Three persons were confirmed killed on the spot while an unspecified number were injured,"
(Transliterated from the original Hindi.)

They had gathered only to pray. When prayer itself becomes the target, faith is proved not by words but by staying.

The Story - Part One

Gunmen stormed an artisanal mining site in the Jol community of Riyom Local Government Area, Plateau State, at about 6 p.M. On Tuesday 10 November 2026, killing at least three miners on the spot and injuring several others. The attackers opened fire at random as workers fled for safety, and some miners who were deep inside the pits never saw them coming. The Berom Youth Moulders Association confirmed the deaths on Wednesday morning and called the killings deeply troubling.

The men who died were not soldiers. They were artisanal miners, ordinary workers digging for a living in the red earth about 30 miles south of Jos, and they went to work that morning expecting an ordinary Tuesday. By nightfall, three of them were dead, several more were hurt, and their families were left waiting for answers that have not come.

Survivors say the gunmen arrived without warning and began shooting sporadically across the site. Workers scattered in every direction.

Those on the surface could run. Those deep inside the pits, bent over their work far below ground level, were taken completely unaware, and had nowhere to run to.

Rwang Tengwong, National Publicity Secretary of the Berom Youth Moulders Association, confirmed the attack in a statement on Wednesday morning. "Three persons were confirmed killed on the spot while an unspecified number were injured," he said. A resident of the area, Bulus Shen, also confirmed the attack to reporters.

The association condemned the killings as deeply troubling and totally unacceptable. It urged security agencies to investigate the attack, identify the perpetrators, and bring them to justice.

For the families in Jol, that demand is not politics. It is the only thing standing between grief and the fear that the next attack will come just as suddenly.

Survivors identified the attackers by their speech. The gunmen are suspected to be Fulani militias, and one survivor said they were recognised by their Fulani dialect. That detail matters, because it fits a pattern the people of Plateau State know far too well: armed groups sweeping into Christian farming and mining villages, striking fast, and vanishing before security forces arrive.

The Turning Point - What Happens Next

The story reaches a life-changing moment that changes everything -- and what seemed like the end is only the middle. Two reports disagree on the numbers, and one question is left unanswered: will the CCTV footage ever come out? Read the full story to find out what happens next.

PERSONAL REFLECTION & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When gathering to pray carries a real cost, what keeps a community coming together anyway -- and what would keep you coming?

2. The pastor's sister shielded him with her own body and fainted under the blows. What does costly, self-giving love look like in your own family or church?

3. When justice is delayed and a complaint is withdrawn under threat, how do believers hold on to truth without giving in to fear -- or to hatred?

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