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Latest: Five Christians Killed in Plateau State Nigeria Attacks on November 8

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

KEY SPIRITUAL TAKEAWAY

"Fulani gunmen killed five Christians and wounded two others in attacks on two Christian villages in Plateau State, Nigeria, on Sunday 8 November 2026"

(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

Fulani gunmen killed five Christians and wounded two others in attacks on two Christian villages in Plateau State, Nigeria, on Sunday 8 November 2026. The gunmen struck Gwol-Hoss village in Riyom Local Government Area at about 5 p.M., Then hit Bel village in Barkin Ladi Local Government Area two hours later, according to a press statement from area attorney Dalyop Solomon Mwantiri reported by Morning Star News.

Emmanuel Pam Dachung was 15 years old. He was shot dead at Bel village on a Sunday evening, in the village where he lived, and buried the same day. Three of the Bel victims were laid to rest on 8 November, before their families had time to understand what had happened to them.

The first victim of the evening was 65-year-old Danladi Badung, killed at Gwol-Hoss village at about 5 p.M. Two hours later, at about 7 p.M., The gunmen moved on to Bel village, in the Sho District of Barkin Ladi, and killed four more people there. Two others were wounded in the two attacks.

Those slain at Bel were Emmanuel Pam Dachung, 15; Joseph Gyang, 28; Emmanuel Yohanna, 32; and a soldier who had yet to be identified at the time of the report. Resident Philip Gwom said three innocent Christians and a soldier were killed at the predominantly Christian Bel village, known locally as Bel-Sho.

Plateau State Christians Killed November 8: Two Villages, Two Hours Apart

The two attacks followed a familar pattern in Plateau State: gunmen arriving in the late afternoon and evening, when villagers are returning home and the light is fading. Gwol-Hoss and Bel are both Christian villages, and both sit in local government areas that have seen repeated attacks on Christian communities in recent years.

The timing matters. Sunday is a day of worship in these villages, a day when families are together and churches are full. The gunmen came at 5 p.M. And 7 p.M. - Hours when people are walking home from church and from their farms, unarmed and unprotected. It is the same pattern that has marked attack after attack in Plateau State, and the same pattern that left a pastor in the same state burying four of his own congregants - a father and his three sons - after a midnight attack on Shurum village in October, as reported in Christians Killed in Nigeria Today: Pastor Buries Four Congregants After Midnight Attack (2026).

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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