

13-yr-old boy killed in fresh Plateau attack

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A 13-year-old herder, identified as Abubakar Wada, has been killed, while 36 cattle were shot dead and 49 others remain missing after gunmen attacked grazing herders around Inzon community in Fan District, Barkin Ladi Local Government Area of Plateau State.

The state chairman of the Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association of Nigeria (MACBAN), Ibrahim Yusuf Babayo, confirmed the incident, which occurred on Tuesday evening, explaining that three herders were returning from grazing when the gunmen ambushed them.

According to Babayo, the attackers opened fire on the herders and their animals, killing one of the boys, while the other two narrowly escaped.

"The incident happened in the evening. So far, we have counted losses of over 80 cattle—36 were killed, while 49 are still missing. The attack was carried out by Berom people from Fan District. Two herders managed to

escape," Babayo said.

"This is barbaric and unfortunate. The herders and their cattle were simply passing peacefully without any provocation. We call on our members across the state to remain calm and allow security agencies to investigate those responsible for the attack. No one should take the law into their own hands," he added.

The MACBAN Secretary in Barkin Ladi also confirmed that all relevant security agencies have been notified about the incident.

He further alleged that members of the Berom ethnic group were behind the incident, noting that five cattle had been killed in a similar attack in the same area on Sunday.

We are not responsible – Berom youth leader

However, the National President of the Berom Youth Moulders Association (BYM), Barrister Solomon Dalyop, denied the allegations, describing the Berom as a peace-loving people.

"As far as we are concerned, the allegation against our peace-loving inhabitants of Nding and

Fan Districts is only a ploy to justify a planned aggression against our people," Dalyop said.

"We are aware of two simultaneous attacks carried out by suspected Fulani armed groups around 7.30pm on October 6, 2025, which led to the killing of one Mr. Timothy Ishaku Chollom.

"Furthermore, forceful grazing into farmlands, residential areas, and other restricted places by Fulani herders continues to endanger lives, threaten food security, and promote cattle rustling around Fan District. Therefore, allegations of cow killings without proof should be disregarded," he added.

We are investigating – Military

When contacted, the Acting Deputy Director, Public Relations, 3 Division Nigerian Army, Lieutenant Colonel Aliyu Danja, confirmed that the military had commenced an investigation into the incident.

"We are investigating the matter and have already contacted the sector commander in the area for verification," Danja said.