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Suspected herdsmen kill four in Plateau, three in Benue communities



• *Scores missing*

Suspected armed herdsmen have killed three persons in Udeku Maav-Ya, Mbakyol Council Ward in Turan, Kwande Local Government Area of Benue State with many still missing.

Kwande Local Government Area, which shares international boundary with Southern Cameroon and border with Taraba State, has come under herdsmen attacks for 15 years.

Those killed are Tyozua Gyuse, Gbaga Gyuse and Tersuur Ijighka.

Some of the wards have been taken over by suspected bandits for years, while inhabitants remained in Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) camps.

A community leader, Chief Lawrence Akerigba, who spoke to The Nation on phone, said: "Farmers were harvesting yams and Barbara nuts when some unknown gunmen appeared from all directions and shot three persons dead.

"Many others sustained body injuries, while others are still missing. The unprovoked attack by the herders is a clear sign of land grabbing.

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“We have not seen this number of Fulani in our place. Everyday about 4am, they will start shooting. They don’t allow people to have access to the river bank to fetch water. They have destroyed crops, houses and economic trees. Our children no longer go to school, churches closed, our markets destroyed.

“We received not much attention from the government. Any time our people are killed, they come with promises and at the end, nothing is done. We are at the mercy of the herders.”

In **Plateau State**, suspected herdsmen on Tuesday killed four men: Mr. Pius Luka Dida, 23; Markus Danladi, 55; Peter, 27; and Acham Ayuba, 24 in Jot community in Riyom Local Government Area and Gero in Gyel District of Jos South Local Government Area.

Berom youths lamented that the attacks were becoming too many. It blamed the Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association of Nigeria (MACBAN) under the leadership of Dalyop Solomon Mwantiri, for twisting the facts about the attacks.

Beyond the killings, the herders also destroyed dry-season farmlands in Kwi, inflicting losses of over N14 million on farmers.

The Berom youths, therefore, demanded the proscription of MACBAN.

