

Fulani herdsman, 30 cows killed in Jos

From Mahmud Lalo, Jos

ONE Fulani herdsman was killed alongside 30 cows at Gero Tsohuwa in Jos South Local Government Area of Plateau State yesterday following encroachment of the herds on farmlands in the area.

The incident according to the Plateau State chairman of the Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association of Nigeria (MACBAN) Muhammad Nura occurred early yesterday, leading to an attack on the Fulani herdsmen by people in the area and the death of one person and 30 cows.

According to Malam Nura, who spoke with our correspondent on phone, the natives started beating Fulani herdsmen and killed one Hudu Rabo. He alleged that over 30 cows were killed using sophisticated fire arms by the assailants, adding that the body of Rabo who was said to be in his early 20s was taken away by some soldiers.

Malam Nura said when incidents of farm intrusion occur, "What we usually know is that the farmers would claim damages which the herdsmen must comply to by paying compensation accordingly, but for them to

have killed a person and his cows speak volumes." Plateau State Police Public Relations Officer ASP Muhammed Lerama who confirmed the incident said it was still under investigation and it was too early for comments. He however confirmed that 11 suspects had been arrested by soldiers in connection with the incident.

Special Task Force (STF) Media spokesperson, Lieutenant Colonel Kingsley Umoh, at the time of filing this report also declined comments, saying it was too early to comment on the matter as they were still investigating.