

Gunmen kill cattle rearer in Jos

From Lami Sadiq, Jos

A 17-year-old cattle rearer, Shamsudeen Abdullahi Boni, was on Sunday killed by unidentified gunmen at Chaha village, beside Sabon Gidan Kanam in Jos South Local Government Area of Plateau State.

The killing of the boy, Daily Trust gathered, occurred when the deceased and his friends who were rearing their cattle were ambushed by the attackers.

An uncle of the deceased, Alhaji Muhammad Adam, said, "They shot him with a gun on his lower abdomen from a close range, and then slashed his throat. Shamsudeen lost his father a year ago and he is the only male child of his aged mother. We hope the security agents have taken note of this killing."

Chairman of Miyetti- Allah Cattle Breeders Association of Nigeria (MACBAN) in the area, Hashimu Chiroma, who

confirmed the incident said, "I was at home at about 5:00 pm when my people came to tell me that some boys from Chaha village shot Shamsudeen, while he was rearing his cattle, and I quickly called the STF sector 5 commander and informed him."

Chiroma added, "the commander sent his personnel to the area and they took the corpse and deposited it at the Plateau Specialist Hospital in Jos. On the same day, another

group of militants shot cattle belonging to one Shuaibu Alhaji Rabo at Gero village of the same local government area, and the incident was also reported to the sector 6 commander of the STF, who ensured that the cattle that were scattered were recovered. But two of them had their legs fractured by the shootings."

Chiroma said he reported the matter to the police divisional officer, traditional leaders, and the State Security Service (SSS).

When contacted, the Media and Information Officer of the Special Task Force, Captain Salisu Mustapha, confirmed the killing of the boy.

"Our men have picked and deposited the corpse at the Plateau Specialist Hospital and two persons have been arrested in connection with the killing," he said.

Mustapha added that investigation into the incident is ongoing.