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CATTLE RUSTLERS KILL 2 HERDSMEN, ATTACK STF IN PLATEAU



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An attack by people believed to be cattle rustlers left two herdsmen dead in Kasa and Fon villages of Barkin Ladi Local Government Area of Plateau State after 120 cattle were rustled.

Daily Trust gathered that some members of the Special Task Force (STF) maintaining peace in Jos and surrounding environs were also attacked and injured when they tried to recover the stolen cattle.

Chairman of Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association (MACBAN) in Plateau State Alhaji Haruna Boro Hussaini told our correspondent that two of the herdsmen were attacked in Kasa on Monday evening by a gang of youths while one sustained machete wounds and is presently receiving treatment at the Jos University Teaching Hospital (JUTH).

Boro further said: "When the matter was reported to the sector seven Command of the STF, they mobilized some of their men to accompany two other herders to identify the cattle but they were attacked by the people of Fon community who singled out the two herders and killed them in the presence of the STF and vandalised the vehicle while injuring the some soldiers".

He added that the sector commander said they were waiting for the local government chairman so as to see how to produce the corpses. He gave the names of the deceased as Auwalu Damina, Samaila Musa and Iliyasu Mohammed while Muhammad Muhammad is receiving treatment at the Jos University Teaching Hospital (JUTH).

STF spokesman Captain Salisu Mustapha could not confirm the attack but promised to brief newsmen on it while the Senior Special Assistant to Governor Jang on Community Relations, Salihu Musa Umar called for restraint, saying cattle rustling is a crime unconnected to the Jos ethno- religious crisis.

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