

3 herders killed in Southern Kaduna

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The bodies of three men believed to be herders were recovered in two different places in Unguwan Maiyashi village, Fantsuam Chieftdom, in Jemaa Local Government Area (LGA) and in Madakiya community in Zangon Kataf LGA of Kaduna State over the weekend.

Sources at Ungwar Maiyashi said the two men were believed to have been attacked at Unguwan Maiyashi about 4 :00 pm on Saturday while grazing their cattle.

The source said their bodies were later recovered near a river by security agencies yesterday morning.

Chairman of the Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association of Nigeria (MACBAN) in Kaduna State, Haruna Usman said the three were believed to have been killed in two separate attacks within five days.

The MACBAN chairman said from the reports yhe received from his members in the area, the two herders killed in Jema'a were attacked while grazing their cattle but the circumstances under which the third was killed was yet to be ascertained.

He said the matter had been reported to the police and was informed that the police had started investigating it.

"I call on all Fulani herdsmen to calm down and allow the security men do their work," he said.

Police public relations officer in Kaduna State, ASP Aliyu Usman confirmed the incidents, adding that some suspects had been arrested and more policemen had been drafted to the area to avert a possible reprisal attack.

But the district head of Madakiya, David Kantiok has refuted the story, saying there was no record of death whatsoever in Madakiya. "The killing didn't take place in Madakiya because we do not have any record of such," he reiterated, warning against 'false stories' capable of causing reprisal attacks on his community.