One person killed, over 300 cows rustled in Plateau

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One person has been killed and another missing while over 300 cows were rustled and killed in three locations of Kuru, Maiyangan and Rekwechungu communities in Jos South and Bassa local government areas of Plateau State on Tuesday.

Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association of Nigeria (MACBAN) and the Jonde Jam Fulani Youth Association alleged that the attack was carried out by Irigwe militia from Miyango.

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State MACBAN Chairman, Muhammad Nuru Abdullahi said 29 carcass had been found in Kuru on Tuesday morning while 314 were counted in presence of security agencies in Maiyanga, near the School of Accountancy in Kwal district of Bassa local government area.

Abdullahi said the attack had also claimed the life of Shehu Saedu while Mubarak Adamu was still missing.

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He said the cows belonged to Dauda Jalo, Inusa Jalo, Mohammed Adam, Sani Alhassan, Abdulkadir Saeed, Kabiru Mohammed, Yakubu Mahmud and Auwal Abubakar.

Operation Safe Haven Commander, Major General Augustin Agundu, when contacted, described the incident as unfortunate and an act of barbarism.

Though, General Agundu did not give the number of cattle killed, he said; "We have eliminated issues of farmer-herder crisis in Plateau State because they are more cautious about grazing in farmlands now but where by a cattle is grazing in a green area and out of animosity you engage the cows and kill them, that is barbarism and it will not be tolerated."