

5 herders killed, 59 cattle shoot in fresh Plateau attack

No fewer than three herders were killed while seven cattle were shot in separate attacks in villages of Jos South and Bassa Local Government Areas of Plateau State.

Our correspondent reports that the first two herders were killed in the Rantya area of Bassa on Saturday, while the other one was killed on Sunday in Kuru village of the same Jos South Local Government Area of the state. Five cattle were also shot during the incident.

This is coming three days after one herder was killed in Kuru village of Jos South LGA and another went missing in Maiyanga village of Bassa LGA of the state. At least 52 cattle were equally killed in the attack.

In the latest attack according to the Chairman of Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association of Nigeria (MACBAN), Malam Nura Abdullahi, the two herders were shot dead when they were returning from rearing, at about 5:pm, on Saturday around Rantya area, while the other one was killed on Sunday while rearing in the Kuru area.

The chairman told *Daily Trust* that they had reported the Saturday's incident to Rantya Police Division, adding that the corpses of the herders were evacuated for burial by the police from Rantya Division.

Malam Nura said, "Enough is enough of these incessant attacks on our members. We lost five herders in three days. There were all unarmed persons. They were going for their routine rearing when they were attacked and killed for no reason.

"As I am talking to you now, one is reportedly killed in Kuru village of Jos South. What do they want us to do? They have been killing us every day but we told our youth to calm down and never take the law into their hands. By the time they are pushed to the wall, the situation will be bad; we will not be able to control anybody anymore," he said.

When contacted the spokesman for the state's Police Command, Ubah Gabriel did not answer calls by our correspondent neither did he responded to an SMS sent to him.