

Body of missing Plateau Fulani leader found

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The body of the Fulani leader of Panyam District of Mangu Local Government Area of Plateau State, Adamu Idris, who was declared missing, was found yesterday.

The state chairman of Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association of Nigeria, Nuru Abdullahi, who confirmed the discovery of the body, said the corpse would be buried in Bauchi State.

The spokesperson for the Operation Safe Haven, a security taskforce maintaining peace in the area, Captain Oya James, also confirmed the discovery of the body of the Fulani leader.

James said "Following a Special Forces Tracking Operations conducted by troops of Operation SAFE HAVEN based on credible intelligence from well-meaning locals, the remains of the missing Fulani leader, Ardo Adamu Idris Gabdo, the Ardo Panyam have been discovered and recovered for burial.

"The troops conducted the operations in the early hours of today, 5 October 2023 and were able to identify and recover the remains of the body of the



missing Ardo around Boi along Pankshin - Bauchi Road in Tafawa Balewa Local Government Area of Bauchi State. The body has since been handed over to the family for proper burial.

"This breakthrough was made possible through the continued community engagements employed by OPSH. This remained key to the search operations, as troops worked closely with community leaders and critical stakeholders as well as family members of Ardo Adamu Gabdo to gather vital information and coordinate the search efforts. The steadfast collaboration between the leadership of Operation SAFE HAVEN and communities also demonstrates the commitment and determination of both parties to ensure justice is served on the perpetrators.

"The General Officer

Commanding 3 Division, Nigerian Army and Commander Operation SAFE HAVEN, Major General AE Abubakar while commending the special operation wishes to extend his heartfelt condolence to the family and loved ones of Ardo Adamu Idris Gabdo during this difficult time.

"He urges the general public to remain vigilant, cooperate with security agencies and provide any relevant information that may assist in the ongoing investigations."

The Chief of Army Staff, Lt-Gen. Taoreed Lagbaja, had, on September 27, directed personnel of Operation Safe Haven to recover the body of the deceased within 24 hours.

The deceased was declared missing on September 24 when he was returning from a visit to the area.