

# Plateau Attack: Another 13 cattle shot dead, 6 injured in Barikin Ladi

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Gunmen have reportedly attacked cattle rearers on Tuesday afternoon, killing at least 13 cattle in the Fan district of Ndim community in the Barikin Ladi LGA of Plateau State.

Our correspondent reports that the latest incident occurred exactly one week after a herder was killed and over 100 cattle were rustled in Nafan Dreji, also in the Fan district of the LGA. Security operatives tasked with maintaining peace in the area had promised to arrest the perpetrators of the attack.

Abubakar Gambo, Secretary of the Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association of Nigeria (MACBAN) in the area, confirmed the latest incident to City & Crime on Wednesday, stating that the affected cattle died instantly.

He explained that they had reported the incident to Sector 4 command of

Operation Safe Haven in Barikin Ladi where some personnel of the operation had visited the scene and promised to track the perpetrators.

Muhammad Yakubu, one of the rearers, who survived the attack while narrating how the incident occurred, said "We were tending our cattle when suddenly, three young men armed with guns descended on us and started shooting sporadically. We were lucky to have fled the scene of the incident unhurt but 13 cattle were shot dead



■ Two of the killed cows

while six were injured."

One of the owners of the affected cattle, Auwal Ibrahim, also expressed concern over the attack and called on the security agencies to rise up to the occasion, adding that "There wasn't any way we could slaughter them as all of them died instantly. By the time we arrived at the scene with soldiers, they cattle had already died."

Reacting to the incident, the state Chairman of the Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association of Nigeria (MACBAN), Nura Abdullahi, said, "What is happening to us in the Barikin Ladi area is a deliberate attempt to provoke our members. Last week, they killed more than 100 cattle, and yesterday they killed another 13. They are picking a fight with us. We are calling on security agencies to arrest those responsible for these brutal attacks."

The spokesperson for the Operation Safe Haven, maintaining peace in the area, Major Samson Zhakom, did not responded to calls and SMS from our correspondent up till the time of filing this report yesternight.