

2 herders, 200 cattle killed in fresh Plateau attack

In Plateau, our correspondent reports that two herders and over 200 cattle were killed by gunmen in another string of attacks in Kwal District of Bassa Local Government Area.

According to the leadership of the Fulani in the state, over 100 cattle were also rustled during incident.

The state chairmen of Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association of Nigeria (MACBAN) and Gan Allah Fulani Development Association (GAFDAN), Nura Abdullahi and Garba Abdullahi, respectively, confirmed the incident to Daily Trust yesterday.

Narrating the incident, the GAFDAN chairman said: “The herders were tending to their cattle around 9am of Wednesday when some gunmen appeared and started shooting.

“They shot two herders dead. They also shot over 200 cattle. We are yet to ascertain the full extent of the damage because the incident occurred in a remote area that is difficult to access without security operatives. We have suffered a significant loss.

“It is high time for security agencies to take action against the atrocities being committed against our people. Whenever we are attacked, security agencies always ask us to remain calm. This is an attempt to annihilate us, as it was an unprovoked attack. We are calling on security agencies to come to our aid,” Garba said.

When contacted, the spokesperson of Operation Safe Haven, which is maintaining peace in the state, Major Samson Zhakom, did not respond to the inquiry on the incident as at the time of filing this report. Our correspondent reports that gory pictures of the cattle killed have surfaced.