

2 herders killed in fresh Plateau attack

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Two herders were reportedly killed and one other missing in separate attacks on Thursday evening, in villages of Riyom and Bokkos local government areas of Plateau State.

The state chairman of Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association of Nigeria (MACBAN), Babayo Yusuf who gave the names of the deceased as Bashiru Iliyasu and Yahuza Idris, said the former was killed in Jol village of Riyom LGA while

the latter was killed along Maikatako Road in Bokkos.

The group added that many cattle were also shot dead during the incident.

According to him, the victims were killed while rearing cattle in the area.

He said the incidents have been reported to the security agencies including Department of State Service (DSS) and the Operation Safe Haven (OPSH).

"We are calling on all stakeholders, especially the security agencies, to apprehend those responsible for the

attacks and prevent further attacks on our members. We are demanding the police to also rescue the missing herder," he said.

In another development, a police officer on Thursday allegedly killed a supporter of the All Progressives Congress (APC) Sanusi Yahuza and injured one Jabir Muhammad in Mangu town of Mangu Local Government Area of Plateau State.

It was gathered that the incident occurred around 1am during collation of councillorship election results for Ward 1, at Ekan primary school in Mangu LGA,

when the police officer opened fire on APC supporters resulting in the death of one and injuring another.

The father of the deceased, Alh. Yahuza Isa, who confirmed the incident, condemned the action of the police officer, calling on relevant authorities to investigate the matter and bring the officer to book.

When contacted, the spokesman of the state police command, DSP Alabo Alfred, did not respond to the inquiries regarding the incidents.