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## Berom community, herdsmen trade blame on killings

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Gov. Simon Lalong of Plateau state.

Berom Educational and Cultural Organisation (BECO) yesterday regretted that the outgoing month was a bloody one for the ethnic nationality, particularly in Barkin Ladi and Riyom council areas of Plateau State.

The group expressed displeasure over the reported foul cry of the herders, whom it accused of masterminding the killings.

Addressing a press conference yesterday in Jos, the organisation's vice president, Da Iliya Choji Kim, chronicled the killings and destruction of property by herdsmen.

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district head of Gashish in Barkin Ladi local government area was set ablaze in the night while at home.

"On May 18, 2018, four young men were attacked with three killed and one escaping.

"On May 20, 2018, the residence of the district head of Fan was attacked, as the house was riddled with bullets, but he managed to escape being killed by the grace of God.

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"On May 22, 2018, a massive attack was launched at Rambu village in Fan District where heavy weapons, including rocket propelled grenades (RPGs) were used.

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District, Nafan, Nding Sesut, NYarwai and Lohala in Ropp District where three people lost their lives and many injured.”

He added that on May 29, 2018, two people travelling on a motorcycle to visit relatives were ambushed while a woman was equally killed.

Kim lamented that the Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association of Nigeria (MACBAN), through its chairman, Mallam Muhammad Nura Abdullahi, was allegedly twisting the narrative by blaming the Berom and Irigwe for reportedly killing and rustling their cows.

In a swift reaction, Abdullahi said on May 25 this year at Kassa village in Barkin Ladi council area, a Berom group attacked cattle rearers and injured two.

The following day, he claimed that at Heipang village, the same group killed seven cows belonging to one Alhaji Abubakar Pooly.

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