

# 20 killed, as Plateau imposes 24-hour curfew in Barkinladi

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A 24-HOUR curfew has been imposed in Barkinladi town, headquarters of Barkinladi local government of Plateau State following a break down of law and order as a result of hostilities between the Berom natives of the locality and Fulani herdsmen in the area which claimed lives of 12 people.

Commissioner for Information, Yiljap Abraham, confirmed to newsmen in Jos on Thursday that 60 suspects have been arrested by law enforcement agents and men of the Joint Military Task Force in the state.

He called on all aggrieved parties in the Barkinladi Local government conflict to give peace a chance and be law abiding.

Abraham warned that no person or groups should take laws into their hands to breach the peace.

The 24-hours curfew, *Daily Independent*, gathered was imposed on the embattled local government council by the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) from Abuja after he was given full detail briefing by the STF Commander in charge of peace operation in the state.

*Daily Independent* gathered from the crisis area that since Sunday evening, the first attack was said to have been carried out by suspected Fulani herdsmen, leaving three men on motorcycle dead and one other injured,

A source said it has been attacks and counter attacks between natives and the Fulani herdsmen throughout Wednesday night with heavy gun battle going on.