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## We Lost Four Of Our Members, 138 Cows In One Month, MACBAN Alleges

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The South East Zonal chairman of Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association of Nigeria (MACBAN), Alahaji Gidado Siddiki, has alleged that about four of his members were killed, and 138 cows missing in conflict between herdsmen and youths in Anaku and Ifite-Ogwari communities in Ayamelum local government area of Anambra State.

Siddiki, who spoke with newsmen on the development in Awka, gave the names of the murdered herders, as Mobani Hassan, Abdulrahman Abdullahi, Rabiu Hassan and Bahago Ilu.

He said the attack was carried out late December 2019, when one of the deceased, Mobani,

was allegedly hacked to death alongside his cows by some youths who accused him of destroying farm products while grazing in the area.

He also alleged that three other members were killed in a similar manner by the youths on January 26, 2020.

While calling on the state government and other relevant authorities to urgently intervene in the crisis, Siddiki said that Miyetti Allah, as a body would embark on a legal action against the heinous act.

Anambra State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Mohammed Haruna, when contacted on telephone over the development, said he was yet to confirm from the Divisional Police Office (DPO) in charge of the area and promised to update the press as soon as he had the information.