

third of deaths among under-5 children worldwide.

New data released yesterday by the United Nations show that under-five mortality rates have

Experts say malnutrition, poor environmental hygiene, low access and utilisation of quality health care services by women and children, low female literacy, poor family plan-

around 200 000 fewer than in 2012, but still equal to nearly 17 000 child deaths each day.

"There has been dramatic and accelerating progress in reducing mortality among children.

Mbar Attack: STF Confirms 6 Dead, 10 Houses Burnt

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The Special Task Force (STF) on Jos crisis code named Operation Save Haven has confirmed that a total number of six persons died in the Mbar attack by suspected Fulani herdsmen in Bokkos local government area of Plateau State.

According to a statement issued in Jos and signed by STF spokesman, Captain Ikedichi Iweha, 15 persons were evacuated to the hospital while 10 houses were burnt.

"Troops proceeded to restore law and order and are currently dominating the general area with aggressive patrols".

He disclosed that the incident began on September 7, 2014 when a case of armed robbery was reported in which two men from the village lost their lives along with a member of the attacking Fulani militia.

He revealed that the "youths of the village proceeded to block the road and in the process a Fulani man lost his life."

The same youths proceeded to

attack nearby Fulani settlement, killing six cows and carting away the flesh of one leaving behind five dead cows.

The statement further added that the situation would have been avoided had the village not resisted the deployment of troops in their community.

"They insisted that they can defend themselves with their retired police and armed forces personnel and therefore do not require the STF".

The STF stated that the attackers will surely be brought to book.