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Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association in Nigeria (MACBAN) Plateau State chapter yesterday alleged that nine Fulani herders are feared dead and 765 cattle rustled when suspected rustlers attacked the herdsmen while grazing in Foron district of Barkin Ladi local government area of Plateau State.

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MACBAN's chairman, Alh. Haruna Boro Hussaini said the incident occurred Sunday night while two herders sustained gun shots and machet wounds.

He added that the police in Barkin Ladi had recovered 84 of the cattle and arrested two of the rustlers.

"The DPO in Barkin Ladi has assured us that they will do their best to recover the remaining cattle. But the nine boys have been killed. Our appeal is to these

Berom youths to please leave us alone, they should stop attacking us and stealing our cattle," he said.

Meanwhile the Police Public Relations Officer Plateau State Command, DSP Emmanuel Abu who confirmed the arrest of two of the rustlers said the force had recovered 84 cows while 147 cows had also been recovered by the owners.

DSP Abu said initially 513 cattle had been rustled not 765 as alledged by MACBAN and added that two corpses of the herders were also found.

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