

Another fresh attack in Jos

ANOTHER fresh attack was carried out in Jos, the Plateau State capital last night. A middle-aged man, Chuwang Hwere was gunned down, his cattle rustled while his niece, Victoria Dung was shot at the abdomen by suspected Fulani herdsmen at Mai Idon-Toro Village, Foron District of Barkin-Ladi local government area.

Military Special Task Force, STF, spokesman, Lt. Col. Kingsley Umoh confirmed the incident but said no arrest had been made and said it was not an attack. He however failed to comment further.

Sources told *The Nation on Sunday* that a court dispute had been going on in the case involving the late Chuwang and some Fulani cattle herders over stolen cattle said to belong to Chuwang while still alive. The sources further confirmed in June that some Fulani herdsmen

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carted away Chuwang's cattle but were later recovered and handed over to him by the joint STF, but the herdsmen resisted that and made attempt to take the herds away.

Confirming the latest killing in Jos, Hon. Yakubu Zi, councillor representing Kamang/Nafok Ward, Foron District, in the Barkin-Ladi Local Government Legislative Council said, the late Chuwang was "shot dead in his house about 12:15am after several gun shots in the air."

In a text message to our reporter, Hon. Zi said: "It was about 12:15am yesterday we heard gun shots at the residence of one Mr. Chuwang Hwere. Before we arrived his house, he was found dead. It was some Fulani men that came and stole his cows."

Expatriating, the councillor said the victim of the latest onslaught, Chuwang,

was 50 years old. "His brother's daughter was affected. She was also shot at and she is receiving treatment. Her name is Victoria Dung Hwere. She is 12 years old and a primary school pupil, the councillor said."

But in a swift reaction, the military spokesman, Umoh denied that it was an attack. He said through a text message sent to our reporter that "at about 003hrs, gunshots were heard at the residence of one Mr. Chuwang of Mai-Idon Toro Village in Barkin-Ladi LGC, STF troops at Bek were alerted and they swung into action immediately."

"It was discovered Mr Chuwang was shot dead at point blank range and about 60 of his cows rustled. Also shot was his niece Miss Victoria Dung on the abdomen and is receiving treatment at Nigeria Air Force, NAF, military Hospital."