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Four 'killed in Berom, Fulani clash

FOUR people have been allegedly killed in a clash between the Berom and Fulani herdsmen at Foron village in Barkin Ladi Local Government Area of Plateau State.

Three soldiers were injured and several people are missing.

The Acting National Chairman of Berom Youth Moulders (BYM), Mr. Samson Tsok, alleged: "A Berom village, Foron, was attacked by gunmen suspected to be Fulani herdsmen on Tuesday night. Two of our boys were killed and four people are missing.

"Early this morning (yesterday morning), soldiers of the Special Task Force (STF), aka *Operation safe haven*, stormed the village with 13

- STF demolished 70 houses at Foron, allege Berom
- 'We're searching for Fulani herdsmen'

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Hilux vans and three armoured vehicles.

"They ransacked our village. We don't know what they were looking for. They came with Fulani herdsmen, who pointed at the houses to be raided.

"At the end of the search, which lasted between 6am and noon, they destroyed 70 houses under the guise of searching. They did not tell us if they found anything."

The leader of the Fulani in the council, Muhammed Adams, said: "Our boys went for grazing on Tuesday evening. During this,

gunmen suspected to be Berom youths shot our cows, killing eight.

"Herdsmen were also killed. We have found the body of one of the deceased, Yusuf Saderi. The other four are missing. They are

Iro Lamo, Mubarak Dandadi, Abdualhi Anas and Danjuma Wada. Samsu Wada escaped with injuries."

STF spokesman Cpt. Ikedichi Iweha said: "We did not go to the village for nothing. It all started on Tuesday at 4:30pm. About 400 cows were rustled at Foron. We later recovered the animals.

"Eight cows were shot, six died and two were injured.

"The herdsmen could not be found. So, early yesterday morning, we went to the village to search for the herdsmen. We later found one body of the herdsmen. We are still searching for five Fulani herdsmen.

"When our men were conducting the search, Berom youths attacked them. They shot three soldiers. Two of them are in a critical condition.

"Why are the people we are protecting attacking us? This has been the habit of the residents of this local government, especially the people of Barkin Ladi. Why should we be the target of attack?"

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