

Herdsman, 134 cattle killed in fresh Plateau attack

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GUNMEN on Tuesday, killed a herder and 134 cattle and flocks at the Fanzo community in Barkin Ladi local government area of Plateau State.

Alhaji Dan Azumi, who lost 21 cattle during the incident confirmed yesterday that a herder was injured.

He explained that the incident occurred while the cattle were being reared in the area.

Dan Azumi said: "The incident occurred when suddenly the gunmen stormed the area and started shooting sporadically. They killed one of the herders and injured another.

"The gunmen also rustled more than fifty of the cattle. Some of them died while others were slaughtered because they had already sustained gunshot wounds. It was an unprovoked attack.

"The Sector Four commander has called us for a meeting. He asked us not to take the law into our hands and assured us that they would investigate the matter. We are law-abiding citizens and we are calling on the security in the area to thoroughly investigate the matter and bring the perpetrators to justice.

"Additionally, we are urging the security forces to recover our rustled cattle," he added.

The state chairman of the Gan Allah Fulani Development Association (GAFDAN), Garba Abdullahi, who also confirmed the incident, called on the security agencies to identify, apprehend and prosecute the perpetrators to serve as a deterrent to others.

"Government and security agencies should not keep quiet about