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Fulani herdsmen kill 9 in Plateau

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No fewer than nine people were killed in Barakin-Ladi Local Government Area of Plateau State, in a reprisal between the Fulani herdsmen and the natives, while 15 others sustained varying degrees of injury.

Nigerian Tribune reliably gathered that two people, suspected to be Fulani, were killed on Sunday, during a protest by the natives, calling for the release of armed youths arrested by men of the Special Task Force in charge of the security of

Plateau State.

A witness in the local government disclosed that the brutal killings of the two Fulani men sparked up a fresh row between the Fulani and natives in the local government, during which a family of seven were killed in the early hours of Monday.

The State chairman of Miyeti Allah Cattle Breeders Association of Nigeria (MACBAN), Alhaji Haruna Boro Hussaini, said a Fulani woman and her traveling companion, were attacked and killed by the natives, on Sunday.

He also alleged that some soldiers attacked and burnt down seven Fulani settlements in Luggere Shaw of Barkin Ladi Local Government Area of the state, adding that this action led to reprisal attack and pandemonium in some parts of the local government.

"We heard that the STF arrested two Berom youths, who were planning to attack a community with arms, then Berom women demonstrated for the release of the youths and we later heard that some soldiers were burning our settlements. We have reported to the STF Commander, Major-General David Enetie and he has assured us that the matter would be investigated," he said.

Also Lagun Jacobs, who lost seven members of his family, disclosed that he lost his parents in the early hours of Monday, in the reprisal attack, which he blamed on the Fulani, adding that armed gun men also attacked Sabon Layi community in Barkin Ladi around 12:45 and also killed his brother and his wife, as well as their two children.

He said the unfortunate incident had been reported to the security men, adding that the chairman of the local government, Honourable Emmanuel Loman, had also waded in with the aim of bringing perpetrators to book.

Chairman of Barkin Ladi Local government council, Honourable Loman, while confirming the attack, on Monday, in Jos, said the attack occurred around 11p.m., on Sunday night, where a family of seven was killed.

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