

Perpetrators will be prosecuted -

to engage Presidency, gov, other stakeholders

and property in the state, saying "we will not allow lawlessness to thrive."

He appealed to the public to always assist security agencies in the state with useful information to enable them to take proactive measures.

Gunmen move from Kaduna to kill in Plateau

Meanwhile, the entire Riyom Local Government Area of Plateau State was thrown into confusion on Sunday following the killing of one Fulani man by suspected attackers who crossed from troubled Manchok in Kaduna to the Ganawuri of Riyom council area of Plateau State.

Plateau State chairman for Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association in Nigeria (MACBAN), Muhammad Nura, who stated this, said the attackers who stormed the council area, on Saturday night, also wounded two other persons and destroyed some property before they bolted away.

Manchok is part of the southern part of Kaduna State where there had been raging hostility between the natives and Fulani herdsmen; it is a boundary community of Kaduna State with Ganawuri in Plateau State.

Nura gave the name of the deceased as Yahaya Musa, while Suleiman Ibrahim and Samaila Adama are in critical conditions in a hospital.

He further pointed out that 16 of its members from Plateau State, who were returning to Wase, were killed in Kafanchan a few weeks back, while others were killed around Gidan waya

and Godogodo, adding that despite this, the association pleaded with its members to remain calm.

In a related development, Governor Simon Lalong of Plateau State has condoled with his Kaduna State counterpart, Mallam Nasir el-Rufai, over the recent crisis in southern part of the state, saying the perpetrators of the dastardly act must not go unpunished.

Lalong, in a two-page condolence letter dated January 17 to Governor el-Rufai and made available to the *Nigerian Tribune* on Sunday, said the termination of lives was most unfortunate and disturbing.

Utomi, civil society leaders to engage Presidency, el-Rufai, others

Eminent leaders of thought in Nigeria under the auspices of a new broad civil society network in Nigeria, the Civil Society Conflicts Intervention Team, has initiated an all-inclusive mechanism aimed at engaging the lingering Southern Kaduna violence.

The new group in the Nigerian civil society is jointly led by Professor Pat Utomi of the Nigeria Political Summit Group (NPSG) and Professor Jibo Ibrahim of the Centre for Democracy and Development (CDD).

A statement signed by the head of the team's publicity, Mallam Naseer Kura, on Sunday, in Abuja, stated that the team, which was inaugurated on Thursday, in Abuja, was set to interface with the Presidency, Governor el-Rufai, the three senators from Kaduna, the four peace initiatives working on the Southern Kaduna crisis, as well as eminent