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12 killed as gunmen attack villagers in Plateau

GUNMEN have killed at least 12 people in an attack on a village in Plateau State, residents and the state governor Simon Lalong, said on Wednesday.

Violence between farmers and pastoralists has become increasingly common in recent years as population growth leads to an expansion of the area dedicated to farming, leaving less land available for open grazing by nomads' herds of cattle.

A local resident, Bernard Matur, said the gunmen attacked Maikatako village on Monday evening, killing at

least 12 people.

Matur said the unprovoked attack was to take over their land, which herdsmen have done in neighbouring villages.

Governor Lalong said 11 people were killed in the attack, adding that the rising incidence of attacks and destruction of farm crops, livestock and other properties within the state was becoming worrisome and needed to be checked.

Last month, clashes between herdsmen and farmers in Benue State left at least 23 people dead.

Women children