

Cleric, two others killed in Plateau

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TRAGEDY struck again in Mangu Local Government Area of Plateau State as a clergyman with the Assembly of God Church and two other people were killed by the rampaging herdsmen militias in the area.

Nigerian Tribune learned that the clergyman (name withheld) who resided at Npat village of Kombun District Mangu Local Government was shot dead in his compound at about 10:00 p.m. on Wednesday by the militia men who stormed his residence to rustle his cattle.

A source close to the family said: "The militias forced themselves into the deceased compound at about 10:00 p.m. The clergyman who had earlier sighted them came out of his house and hid somewhere but was sighted and shot dead.

"The militias not only killed him but went away with his cattle. The clergyman was later found in the pool of his blood and died on the way to the hospital in Mangu town."

The rampaging armed herdsmen equally threw the people of Jol and Byei villages in Riyom Local Government Area of the state into mourn-

ing as two youths identified as Elisha Dalyop and Abednego Davou were killed, while one Patrick Joshua sustained injuries and now receiving treatment at the Christian Hospital in Vom.

Confirming the attack, councillor representing Jol ward in Riyom Local Government Area, Adams Joshua, said the attack happened around 10:00 p.m. at Jol and Byei, when suspected armed herders invaded the community.

Spokesman of the state police command, Alfred Alabo, could not be reached on his mobile phone for comment.