

Herdsmen kill 86-year-old farmer in Plateau

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HERDSMEN have murdered an 86-year-old farmer, Joshua Deme, on his farm in Rahwol Gassa in Barakin-Ladi Local Government Area of Plateau State.

X This came just about two weeks after a group of herdsmen killed two teachers, a married couple, during a school invasion with cattle in Riyom Local Government Area of the state.

The aged man was said to be transplanting hot peppers in his farm on Wednesday when the criminals believed to be fleeing from a neighbouring village bumped into him.

The Berom Youth Moulders

(BYM), in a statement signed by its National Publicity Secretary, Mr Rwang Tengwong, said the incident happened around 3.30 p.m. when the elderly man was transplanting hot peppers, unknown to him that terrorist elements were lurking around.

"The bandits with their cows were being driven away to avoid destruction of farmlands around the Rahwot area when they came across the 86 years old farmer. The attackers took hold of him, tied him to a tree and slaughtered him.

"It is very appalling that Fulani militias have continued to abuse open grazing for the destruction of farmlands

and killing of people without provocation," the BYM said.

The group condemned the killing of Deme and urged security agents, particularly Sector 4 Operation Safe Haven (OPSH), to sustain their efforts in dealing with terrorist elements.

It commended the Sector 4 commander, Colonel U.S. Abdulsalam, for taking steps to address the general security situation in Barkin Ladi Local Government Area and its environs.

The BYM called on the government to look into the issue of open grazing which it said has been used as a ploy to perpetrate terrorism over the years.