

# Tension in Plateau over missing body of murdered community leader

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AN air of apprehension still pervades the troubled Mangu Local Government Area of Plateau State over the missing body of a Fulani leader, the **Ardo** of Panyam, Alhaji Adamu Idris Gabdo, who was killed on Saturday.

This is even as the Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association of Nigeria (MACBAN) has called for the recovery of the body for proper burial.

Also, the Chief of Army Staff, Lieutenant-General Taoreed Lagbaja, has given

men of Operation Safe Haven (OPSH) 48 hours to fish out the killer of the community leader.

Alhaji Gabdo was killed in Panyam District of Mangu Local Government Area by some hoodlums who waylaid him as he travelled through the area on a motorcycle.

Speaking with the *Nigerian Tribune*, the state chairman of MACBAN, Mallam Nura Mohammad, alleged that the killers of the community leader went away with the body after killing him.

Mohammad, therefore,

called on security agencies, especially men of Operation Safe Haven, to help recover the body so that it can be buried according to Islamic rites.

Meanwhile, the General Officer Commanding (GOC) 3 Division, who is also the Commander of Operation Safe Haven, Major-General Abdulsalam Abubakar, revealed the COAS's directive that the killers of the community leader must be fished out in 48 hours.

Abubakar spoke when he visited the District Head of Panyam, Da Aminu Darwan, over the killing.

Major-General Abubakar, who described the incident as a criminal act, assured that the OPSH would do its best to track down those who carried out the act.

He said: "Few days ago, we got a report that the **Ardo** was killed in Panyam. My men and I have not been sleeping because of this. The COAS has given us 48 hours to arrest the perpetrators and this is a task we must accomplish.

"This is an act of criminality and we will ensure that we bring the criminals to justice."