

Meanwhile, gunmen suspected to be herdsmen have killed two people in Rikwe-Rishe, Kpatenvie village of Kpachudu community, Bassa LGA of Plateau State.

The victims, identified as Mr Shedrack Zehwie, 20; and Mrs Ladi Geoffrey, 25, were said to be at home when the gunmen stormed their compound around 9pm on Thursday and attacked them, killing them.

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The National President of the Irigwe Development Association, Ezekiel Bini, who confirmed the killings to *Saturday PUNCH* in Jos on Friday said, “The two victims were farmers.

“The woman was at home while the man who came to visit a relative was just relaxing in the compound when the gunmen appeared suddenly and shot them dead on Thursday night. It’s really sad.”

The General Secretary of IDA, Dickson Auta, who spoke at the burial of the deceased at Rikwe-Rishe village on Friday, lamented the killing of the two Irigwe youths and called for the immediate stop to open grazing of cattle in Irigwe land.

According to him, apart from the destruction of farmlands and crops, and illegal grazing, the Fulani herdsmen have been lying in ambush and killing the Irigwe people.