

Miyetti Allah chief alleges beheading of 6 Fulani boys in Plateau

- it's a lie, says community leader

From **Gyang Bere**, Jos

PLATEAU State Chairman of Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association of Nigeria (MACBAN), Nura Abdullahi, has alleged that six Fulani children were beheaded in Kuri village of Bassa Local Government Area of the state.

Nura, in a press statement issued in Jos, said, bodies of the beheaded children, ages between 12, and 16 years, were found last Sunday in Kuri village, just as nine cows were also killed.

He said the attack was not connected with the recent killing in Nkiedonwhro village, and urged security agencies to fish out the perpetrators.

Said he: "We write to express our dismay over the killings and beheading of six innocent Fulani cattle rearers on Sunday, October 15, 2017, in Kuri village of Bassa Local Government Area of Plateau State.

"The unfortunate incident was immediately reported to the Divisional Police Officer (DPO), Bassa Local Government Area and Operation Safe Haven, OPSH, Sector 6, who visited the scene and confirmed the report and burial.

"The incident occurred on Sunday, October 15, 2017, at about 3pm, when the Fulani, while grazing their cattle at Kuri village, in Bassa LGA, were attacked, slaughtered, beheaded and their heads carted away by the gunmen."

Meanwhile, National President, Irigwe Development Association, Sunday Abdu, dismissed the allegations and said his people were peace loving, hospitable and accommodative.

"The Fulani lied by accusing my people falsely of killing Fulani boys, during grazing. I do not want to join issues with them, but I want the entire world to know that the Fulani we have accommodated for years are today killing us on a daily basis for the past one month and without a just cause."