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LD/2344/10, FKN V Kickey Mustapha Tarta and the counts, facts of the charge are substantially similar to

quently served in the court yesterday. Shittu described the application as an attempt to frustrate the trial.

tions officer, DSP Geoffrey Ogbonna, could not be reached for comment on the incident.

Again, blood flows in Plateau, 2 killed

From **Gyang Bere**, Jos

TWO persons were ambushed and killed yesterday by suspected Fulani herdsmen in Wereng-Kum village in Riyom Local Government Area of Plateau State.

Daily Sun gathered that the incident occurred at about 11pm, leaving Bulus Dantoro, 35, and 28-year-old Dung Christopher, who were returning home on motorcycle, dead.

Police public relations officer for the state command, ASP Tyopev

Mathias Terna, confirmed the incident and said the victims were macheted to death by yet-to-be-identify assailants.

Terna added that the dead bodies were recovered from the scene at about 8:15am yesterday by miners who were on their way to the mining camp. He said the police recovered two sticks supposedly belonging to the attackers and a motorcycle belonging to the deceased and said investigation had commenced to fish out the perpetrators.

Chairman of Riyom LGA, Emmanuel Danboyi Jugul, called on the federal government to intervene in the killing

of his people before they are wiped out. He said several persons have been ambushed and killed by gunmen in the last one week and no arrest has been made.

General secretary of Berom Educational and Cultural Organisation, Davou Choji Davou, said government has abandoned his people to their fate, as they are being maimed and killed daily by suspected herdsmen.

He called on the United Nations to investigate the killing of innocent people in Plateau State and implored the global body to direct the federal

government to take proactive steps to curtail the killings.

Davou said: "We are constrained to call on the United Nations, the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, ECOWAS and all other international bodies that promote and defend freedoms, liberties, rights and identities of indigenous and autochthonous peoples to treat the case of the Berom in Plateau as a typical case of genocide and systematic ethnic cleansing.

"BECO, on its part, has continued to voice out, document and report the prosecution of this agenda to the Na-

tional Security Adviser's office, governor and all other security officials right up to the highest level of government in the hope that the perpetrators of these crimes will be fished out and brought to justice.

"We, therefore, conclude that silence on the part of security agencies and government is a tacit endorsement of the bloody massacres and heinous crimes visited on the Berom and on some of our neighbouring communities. More so, these events continue to occur with no government sending in relief materials and support, neither do they make condolence visits, particularly in these very difficult times."