

In another development, two persons were reportedly killed yesterday night in separate attacks by suspected gunmen in Bassa Local Government Area of Plateau State.

Daily Sun gathered that one of the deceased was a Fulani cattle rearer who was killed at about 5:30pm. In apparent reprisal, Fulani herdsmen attacked two miners in Gyero village, Jos South Local Government Area, leaving one dead.

Daily Sun gathered that the attacks, which took place at an interval of 30 minutes, threw the entire communities into confusion.

It was gathered that the deceased person died at Eons Hospital, Miango, while the survivor who sustained gun shots and machete injuries is currently in coma at the same hospital.

Police Public Relation Officer of the Plateau State Police Command, ASP Tyopev Marthias Terna confirmed the incident.

"There was a culpable homicide and that cause grievous hurt and mischief by killing animals on 5 March, 2018 at about 5:30pm. Information received was that one Fulani cattle rearer whose name and address is not yet known was killed by unknown persons suspected to be Irigwe people. About 15 cows were also killed at Rafin-Bauna Area.

"On the other hand, information received also reveals that at about 6pm, of the same day, two Irigwe youths while returning from mining were attacked by Fulani herdsmen. As a result, they sustained various degree of injuries and were rushed to Enos Hospital, Miango, Bassa Local Government Area for treatment."

Terna said investigation was ongoing to ascertain and assess the incident while intensive patrol of the general area is being sustained by security agencies to avert further killings.

The incessant attacks by suspected Fulani herdsmen have been flayed by Nigerians who are demanding that the president arrest and prosecute the herdsmen involved as well as pronounce herdsmen as a terrorist group.