

Herdsmen kill 3, injure 7 in Plateau

From **Gyang Bere**, Jos

NO fewer than three persons were killed between Monday and Tuesday by herdsmen in Gashish and Ropp villages in Gashish District of Barkin Ladi Local Government Area of Plateau State. Daily Sun gathered that two persons were shot dead in Gashish on Monday night and four persons injured, while one person was shot dead yesterday morning in Ropp and three others inflicted with gunshot wounds.

It was learned that the victims who were killed in Gashish were returning from their farms at about 6:30pm when the herdsmen ambushed them and shot two dead, while four persons were injured. Some of the victims are receiving treatment at Bingham University Teaching Hospital, Jos.

The state police public relations officer, ASP Matthias Terna Tyopev, confirmed the incident. He, however, said there was no death but several persons were injured.

He further explained that those who were injured were taken to Barkin Ladi General Hospital, adding that some have been transferred to the Plateau Specialist Hospital, Jos, for medical attention.

Tyopev said the police, in collaboration with other security agencies in the state, have been mobilised to the affected villages to strengthen security and avert further loss of life and property.

National chairman of Berom Youth Moulders Association, Chuwang Choji, lamented how

herdsmen have continued to kill their people without proper intervention by security agents.

"These people were shot death while returning from their farms. The herdsmen are killing people with sophisticated weapons without any form of arrest by the security operatives. It is high time security operatives did the needful to save further destruction of life and property."

Dr. Daniel Kim, a leader in the community, said government must rise to its constitutional responsibility of protecting people.

He said most communities in Barkin Ladi are under siege as children, women and the aged have been displaced from their ancestral homes without anywhere to take shelter.

Kim lamented that a woman was shot to death yesterday morning when she was going to the hospital to see the injured persons, which included her husband.

He gave the names of some of those killed as Jeffrey Jangwonk and Silvester Ishaya, and called on the federal and state governments to come to the aid of the communities, where people have been displaced and houses destroyed.

One killed as B'Haram attacks herders in Borno

From **Timothy Olanrewaju**, Maiduguri

At least one person was killed and unconfirmed number of cattle carted away in an attack on herders by suspected Boko Haram terrorists at Pumbum bush in Askira/Uba Local Government Area of Borno State, Monday afternoon. The incident went unnoticed in Maiduguri, the state capital, about 170 kilometres away, until Tuesday morning.

Commissioner of police in the state, Damian Chukwu, confirmed the attack. He said the

police were yet to ascertain the number of cattle stolen by the attackers. He said investigation on the attack was still on, urging residents to collaborate with the police and other security agencies to intensify surveillance for safety of life and property.

He also disclosed that the police received reports about a man suspected to have been slaughtered on his bed in Maiduguri on Monday evening. He said the deceased was reported to have stayed at home while other members of his family went for the Muslim evening prayers (Isha) at a nearby

mosque in the Bulumkutu area of the metropolis. They, however, found him on his bed in a pool of blood when they returned.

Chukwu said: "At about 22:01 hours yesterday, the lifeless body of one Umar Tela of Bulumkutu area, Maiduguri, was found on his bed in a pool of his blood. The deceased reportedly remained at home as his family members went for Isha (evening) prayers in a nearby mosque only to return home and meet him slaughtered by unknown person(s)."

He said investigation into the incident would continue.