

Herders Kill Plateau Monarch, Four In Benue

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...farmer beheaded in Ortom's ward

Herdsmen have murdered at least four people in Plateau and Benue states. The gunmen, who residents said were Fulani, killed one in Plateau State and three others in Benue State.

The herdsmen armed with sophisticated weapons killed the Acting Gwom Rwei of Foron District of Barkin Ladi Local Government of Plateau State, Da Bulus Chuwang Jang, in the midnight of Monday.

New Telegraph reports that Barkin Ladi Local Government communities have suffered a series of attacks and killings by suspected Fulani herdsmen in the past few years despite efforts by the state government to restore lasting peace in the area. Investigation showed that the herdsmen invaded the community about midnight and killed Jang.

Chairman of Barkin Ladi Local Government Area, Hon. Jock Alamba, confirmed the killing of the traditional ruler to journalists in Jos. Alamba said the killing of the royal father, which came when efforts to restore peace were on, was a deliberate ploy to plunch back the area into crisis.

The chairman said Jang was a critical stakeholder in peace building in Foron District, Barkin Ladi and Plateau State at large. The lawmaker representing Barkin Ladi Constituency in the state House of Assembly who is also the Minority Leader, Hon. Peter Gyendeng, described the traditional ruler's killing as barbaric, callous and unfortunate.

He said: "Our leadership and security agency must rise to the occasion, come out and ensure that perpetrators are arrested and justice is gotten."

The Commissioner for Science and Technology, Hon. Musa Gyang, who is also a native of Foron, decried the monarch's killing. He said Jang was committed to efforts to achieve peace in the area.