

Assailants kill 4 herdsmen, cart away 124 cows

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THE Shanagu community, about 15 kilometers from Zuba town near Gwagwalada in Abuja was thrown into confusion and grief on Wednesday when four lifeless bodies of some herdsmen were discovered in a bush. The bodies had multiple injuries and were partially buried in a shallow grave.

The palace secretary of Zuba District, Alhaji Qasim Muhammad, told Weekly Trust that the Shanagu village's head, Mallam Umaru Abdullahi came to the palace with the father of the victims, Mallam Ado Muhammad, shortly after the burial rite was concluded.

"He told the Palace that he was together with his deceased sons Sani and Abdullahi and two other relatives Umaru and Abubakar all the way from the

south east, where they normally graze during dry season and that he left them on Monday to take one of their cows to Lambata Market along Minna road where he sold it.

"After the transaction, he proceeded to Birnin Gwari, their target destination. On his way back on Tuesday, he tried to communicate with them but all to no avail. He then decided to search for them at Malam Karo village, along Minna road, but that also did not yield any positive result.

"He then headed to Shanagu, near Zuba only to discover their lifeless bodies in the bush that used to serve as their camp, after noticing some flies around the vicinity," the secretary narrated.

Confirming the incident, the Divisional Police Officer of Zuba Femi Davis said the police have already launched an investigation into the matter.