

■ A van transporting meat in Maiduguri, Borno State yesterday.

5 cattle rustlers killed, 996 cows recovered in Zamfara

From Shehu Umar, Gusau

Five suspected cattle rustlers were killed, while 996 cows and 515 sheep were recovered within 73 days in Zamfara, the state Police Commissioner Ahmad Ibrahim said. He said 37 cow owners were killed by suspected cattle rustlers and 125 of them were arrested by his command. He further said 29 others were arrested in connection with armed robbery cases.

Briefing newsmen in Gusau,

Ibrahim said four AK 47 rifles, four locally made pistols, six Dane guns, 87 live ammunition and some motor bikes and vehicles used to transport the stolen cows were also recovered.

"A good number of the hoodlums were arrested and are in various courts over charges of armed robbery, culpable homicide and even sex related offences," he said. He expressed his gratitude to members of the public for assisting the police, adding that

the Inspector General of Police's agenda of community policing is paying off in the state. The commissioner debunked rumours that some communities have armed themselves in self defence, saying such is illegal.

"We are aware of the current feud between the vigilante groups and cattle rearers, and to end this feud we will work to have vigilante groups that would professionally conduct their affairs without any hindrance," he said.

101 Nigerian students to benefit from Indian scholarship

From Nurudeen Oyewole, Lagos

One hundred and one Nigerian students willing to study in India are to benefit from a \$150,000 scholarship after they must have passed a study-in-India scholarship examination. Managing Director of Oredian Education Resources Ltd, Michael Adebayo, who disclosed this in Lagos, said the gesture is geared towards making Indian

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