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# CATTLE RUSTLERS KILL VIGILANTE LEADER

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The vigilante leader of Gebe village, Isa Local Government Area of Sokoto State, Isa Gebe, is reported to have been killed by cattle rustlers last Wednesday during a night attack on the village, Daily Trust learnt in Sokoto yesterday.

They took away 99 cows belonging to Fulani herdsmen from the neighbouring Niger republic after the killing, the local government chairman, Alhaji Umarr Mohammed, told journalists. He said about 20 rustlers armed with dangerous weapons, including AK-47 rifles, carried out the attack. According to him, efforts by a security patrol team to nab the fleeing rustlers failed as their vehicle got stuck on their way to the scene of the attack.

Another patrol team from the Isa police division could reach them before they fled with the cows. Mohammed said a security meeting was convened yesterday to discuss the situation in the area and the way forward, adding that the council would not relent in ensuring the safety of lives and property in the area.

Public Relations Officer, Sokoto State command, DSP Al-Mustapha Sani, confirmed the incident, adding that they had commenced investigations into the matter. He however said no arrests had been made.

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