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GUNMEN KILL HERDSMAN, STEAL 50 COWS AT KUJE COMMUNITY

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Residents of Kujekwa community in Kuje Area Council of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) were on Saturday evening thrown into pandemonium after some criminals invaded a Fulani settlement at the village and stole 50 cows.

The community, which is sharing boundary with Nassarawa State, is about 140 kilometres from Kuje town.

The community was said to have been attacked by over 20 criminals that invaded the Fulani settlement with sophisticated weapons during which one of the herdsman, identified as Masika Sarki, was shot dead.

Leader of the Fulani at the camp, Malam Isa Bala, who was narrating the incident to the Chairman of Kuje Area Council, Mr. shaban Ishaku Tete, who visited the community to sympathise with the victims, informed the chairman that over 50 cows, worth N70 million, were stolen by the gunmen.

He informed the chairman that the gunmen invaded the camp when residents were asleep in the night and shot sporadically into the air and killed one of the Fulani men.

"I have been rearing cows in this village for over 15 years to feed my family but everything has been taken away by the thieves. The guns they were carrying are sophisticated and we don't have such guns in this village to confront them," he told the chairman.

He, therefore, appealed to the council chairman to come to their aid by investigating the incident, which he said has never happened to them.

Responding, Mr. Shaban Ishaku Tete, who expressed his shock and sadness over the attack, said the council officials visited the community to ascertain the level of damage done to them.

He said plans were underway to build a police outpost at the community, adding that adequate security measures will be put in place in order to prevent future occurrence.

The chairman assured the victims that the council will explore all avenues to ensure that the perpetrators are brought to book.

He urged residents of the community to encourage the vigilante group in the area and also monitor strange faces in their domain.

"It is sad news, because cows worth many millions of naira were stolen by people, who have no regard for humanity. And I want to appeal to the affected people to remain calm as the evildoers will be caught and will face the wrath of the law," the chairman said.

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