



RUSTLERS KILL FULANI LEADER, STEAL 53 COWS

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A gang of armed men, suspected to be cattle rustlers, raided a Fulani settlement at Sauka on airport road on Tuesday and hacked the leader of the community, Alhaji Idrisa Sani, to death.

A family source said the raiders also moved away 53 cows in his possession. According to the source, 50 of the cows are said to be owned by a military officer, who entrusted them to the deceased for rearing.

The late leader, 54, who was survived by his parents, three wives, and 15 children, was said to be sleeping under a tree close to his tent, when the assailants numbering more than 20 stormed the settlement and descended on him around 1 a.m.

One of the survivors of the incident and half-brother of the deceased, Malam Abdullahi Sani, said while the attackers engaged the late leader, dwellers of the settlement flee the area to other places.

He said the attackers divided themselves into groups roaming from one area to another and forced his tent, which he was with a guest opened and demanded that they should come out, threatening to shoot at any one, who attempt to run away.

"After I got out, they ordered me to lie face down. They asked me about cows entrusted to my brother by a military officer for rearing and forced me to the location of the cows, where they made away with 53 of them.

"The group that confronted me, has five men holding rifles, but I don't know about the rest," Abdullahi said.

Father of the deceased, Malam Sani Hari, who lives in different settlement, said he suspected the trouble, when he first heard of the guns shots while they were moving away the cows, adding that his other children briefed him after the incidence.

A medical doctor, who examined the remains of the deceased before burial said the deceased suffered multiple cuts and bleed to death.

At the Iddo police division, where two policemen, who visited the scene, filed their report, the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) referred our reporter to the FCT police command for details, saying that the division had forwarded what happened to the command.

But when contacted, the command's spokesperson, Hyelhira Altine Daniel, a Deputy Superintendent, said she was yet to be briefed about the incidence up till the time of filing the report.

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