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## RUSTLERS KILL 2, STEAL 43 COWS AT TUNGA MADAKI



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Cattle rustlers, numbering about 20, stormed Tungan Madaki village near the Abuja International Airport in the early hours of yesterday, killing two herders and carted away forty-three cows.

Another herder, who survived the attack, was short on his two legs and was taken to a private hospital at Gwagwalada for immediate attention.

Speaking to City News yesterday shortly after the deceased herders were laid to rest at the village's cemetery, the brother of one of the late herders, Mallam Ishiyaku Ahmadu, said his late younger brother, Muhammadu Ahmadu, 41, was killed by the gang of rustlers at the outskirts of the village, where the cows were kept.

"Elders of the village and me went to the location after hearing their gunshots but all we could see is their flash light directed at our cows and we decided to hide until when they left toward Giri direction," he said.

The other victim, Isa Muhammadu, 30, was killed at another location in the outskirts of the village, when the attackers were leaving, as explained by his elder brother, Mallam Zakari Muhammadu.

He said the victim was attempting to reach out to his younger ones when he was shot dead, adding that his other brother, Ahmadu Golilo, who was together with him, survived the attack with bullets on his two legs.

Zakari, however, said no cow was stolen at that very location.

Reacting to the incidence, a chieftain of the FCT chapter of the Miyetti Allah, Mallam Umar Ishiyaku, who said villages close to the Airport host many herders in the FCT because of their favourable security, he however, lamented that such villages have recently being attacked by the rustlers.

He also called on the FCT authority to compensate farmers at Paikon- Kore grassing reserve and other reserves around Bwari and Kuje area councils, to avoid clashes with farmers.

Divisional Police Officer (DPO) in charge of the Airport police division, Superintendent Emeka Onuoha, who confirmed the incident, said the matter was reported at the division and that investigation has commenced on it.

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