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Six killed as gunmen invade village in Katsina

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Six people were killed yesterday when armed men suspected to be cattle rustlers invaded Shinfida village in Jibia local government area of Katsina State. Weekly Trust reports that several houses, shops and vehicles were burnt while many cattle were believed to have been taken away by the rustlers.

A witness, Malam Musa, told our reporter by phone that the attackers stormed the village at about noon shooting sporadically which caused many residents to flee into the bush for safety. He said people were still in a state of panic and trying to regroup as the attack caused people to scatter in the different directions.

Another witness said youths in the area tried their best to repel the rustlers leading to the death of some of the bandits, as well. He added that the vandals were believed to be in Dunburum forest that stretches from Jibia in Katsina State, Zurmi in Zamfara and Birnin Gwari in Kaduna State.

Katsina State police spokesman Aminu Sadiq did not answer his phone or respond to a text message seeking details of the attack. However, his counterpart in the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps Jamilu Aliyu confirmed the attack, saying that six people were killed. He said it took the intervention of the special joint security force to curtail the attackers.

Aliyu said details were still sketchy but the joint force comprising all security organs in the state, was able to come over the attackers.

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