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## Cattle rustlers kill 15 in Katsina village

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Suspected cattle rustlers at the weekend attacked Yartsamiya village in Kankara LGA of Katsina State, killing 15 people, injuring many and seizing livestock.

The attack came 24 hours after the killing of six people in Shinfida village of Jibia LGA of the state.

Daily Trust gathered that the attackers stormed the village at 4:00pm on about 150 motorcycles. Each motorcycle carried three attackers who displayed guns and other dangerous weapons.

A witness, Bala Lawal Kankara, said the attackers took away sheep and cows, broke into shops and removed food items and other valuables before setting them on fire.

A day before the attack, another village, Santa-Amadi, was attacked. No death was recorded in that attack but the attackers took away some women.

According to him, residents of Yartsamiya fled the town on Friday as a result.

"We had to take my mother to another village for safety. She stayed the night and returned to the village in the morning. The village head too hid his family. The chairman of the local government Abubakar Lawal Kankara attended the funeral of the deceased which was held near my house. The injured are receiving treatment at hospitals in Kankara and Katsina. What is bothering us the more is that the attackers are believed to be in Rugu forest, Bayan Dutsi. We learnt that they live there in camps," he added.

Police spokesman Aminu Sadiq was unable to respond to inquiries till the time of filling this report.

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