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Villagers protest as gunmen kill 10 in Z/Kataf



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Gunmen suspected to be cattle rustlers attacked Yangal village in Kamantan, Zangon Kataf LGA of Kaduna State yesterday, killing at least 10 people.

Aggrieved villagers later barricaded the Kachia-Zonkwa road for nearly three hours to protest the killing.

A source in the village said the gunmen stormed the village and opened fire on people attending a social event.

"They killed about seven people on the spot while five others were injured. Three of them later died in hospital", he said.

The source said villagers later blocked the Kachia-Zonkwa road with stones and logs, preventing vehicular movement until security men arrived.

Another source said, "The rustlers were seen driving a stolen herd and the villagers pursued them into the bush. One was arrested and the others escaped to regroup and attack the village".

Police spokesman, DSP Zubairu Abubakar, said four people were killed while six others were injured.

"Gunmen suspected to be cattle rustlers attacked a Fulani settlement near Yangal village in Zonkwa. Four persons were killed, six were injured and the attackers drove away cows. Policemen were deployed to arrest the fleeing thieves while investigation is ongoing", he said.

Governor Mukhtar Ramalan Yero condemned attack and directed the State Emergency Management Agency to move to the affected community to support the victims.

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