



Gunmen kill man at a herders' camp in Abuja

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Tragedy struck in the wee hours of Monday when gunmen suspected to be cattle rustlers invaded a Fulani camp and shot dead a 40 year-old man, Malam Adamu Idi.

The incident happened at Tunga Tofa village in Dafa ward of Kwali Area Council. Our reporter learnt that the incident, which happened few meters away from neighboring Dafa village, threw residents of the community into pandemonium as sound of gunshot rented the air throughout the operation.

A witness said the incident happened at about 12: 13 a.m. when the gunmen numbering ten, invaded the camp and opened fire on the deceased, killing him instantly.

He said on arrival, the gunmen went straight to the deceased's hut where he was sleeping, woke him up and tied his wife with rope, before they opened fire on him.

"The victim had cows in his backyard but they did not touch them, instead they went straight to his hut and shot him dead and they fled immediately," the witness narrated. The witness added that immediately after the incident, the father of the deceased phoned the village head of Dafa, who in turn phoned the police on the unfortunate incident.

According to him, some policemen later came to remove the corpse to a hospital at Kwali for autopsy.

City News further gathered that the deceased, who was very popular in the area, had frustrated several efforts of the cattle rustlers to carry out successful operations in the area.

When contacted, the Kwali Divisional Police officer (DPO), Mr. Philip Egwueme, said he received a phone call from the village head of Dafa, at about 12: 34 a.m. on the incident and that he immediately mobilized his men to the scene.

He said the remains of the Fulani man was later handed over to his family for burial after an autopsy at Kwali General Hospital.

"But we cannot give details of the incident for now because the matter is still under investigation to ascertain whether it was a robbery case or a case of cattle rustling," the DPO said.

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