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RUSTLERS KILL KADUNA HERDER, DRIVE AWAY 300 CATTLE

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Armed rustlers have shot dead a herder in Sabon Gayan, Chikun Local Government Area, Kaduna State and driven away at least 300 heads of cattle.

The incident happened in the early hours on Friday while the villagers were sleeping.

The Kaduna State Police Command has confirmed receiving report on the incident, but said only 75 cattle were moved away.

A source in Sabon Gayan said armed thieves descended on the a herder's settlement, Unguwar Fulani, close to the town at about 2.00am on Friday when people were sleeping. The thieves who went there in large numbers fired guns and frightened the herders, he said.

 "The thieves stole three herds of cattle within 30 minutes from the area. Between 260 and 300 cattle were stolen."

The source said the cattle raiders stationed themselves at different locations. While some drove the cattle away others remained in their hidden positions."

He said a man called Yuguda, believed to be the leader of the herders in the area "went to a pen near his house later to check his cows and one of the thieves hanging around shot him dead. The thief noticed the bright light produced by Yuguda's torchlight."

The police spokesman, Zubairu Abubakar, said they received the report of the incident and were combing the area in search of the stolen cattle and rustlers. He said 75 cattle were stolen.

In a related development, about 40 armed robbers blocked the Kachia-Kwai Road on Thursday night and stole monies from travellers.

Again, a man was said to have been stabbed to death at a beer parlour in Kachia town on Friday.

Police are yet to make a statement on both incidents.

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