



Army, vigilantes invade Kugo forest, kill rustlers

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Many cattle rustlers were killed in a joint military and vigilante operation at the weekend in Kugo forest, Faskari LGA of Katsina State.

The forest has for long served as a hideout for notorious cattle rustlers who have been terrorizing people in the area.

The joint operation was met with resistance from the rustlers who engaged the troops in a gun duel that led to the death of many rustlers.

About 380 cows, 82 sheep, 80 donkeys and other stolen property were recovered while houses built by the rustlers were destroyed.

The Joint Task Force spokes-man, Capt Ikechukwu Eze, said he was not aware of the operation.

But our correspondent observed yesterday that the local government secretariat was filled with the recovered animals just as cattle owners were trooping in to identify their animals for collection under strict supervision.

The council chairman, Hassan Daudawa, while speaking at the distribution of the recovered animals, commended the army and vigilante members for their effort and called for re-enforcement. He called for similar operations in Sabuwa and Kankara.

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