

■ A section of Gwagwalada market.

Rustlers kill herder, steal 162 cows in Abuja community

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A middle-aged herder was in the wee hours of Thursday shot dead when suspected cattle rustlers raided a Fulani settlement near Zagabutu community, Kuje Area Council of the FCT.

Zagabutu community shares border with Gadabuke community in Nasarawa State. A witness said the incident

happened at about 2:12 a.m. when the rustlers in their large numbers invaded the camp and started shooting sporadically into the air to scare the herders.

He said the rustlers, who came through a bush path, divided themselves in two groups, adding that one of the groups went for the cattle while the other rounded the herders inside their camp.

According to him, the rustlers after raiding the camp

escaped with the cattle.

He said one Fulani man was killed while trailing the suspected robbers.

Our reporter learnt that two other herdsman sustained gunshot injury during the attack and were taken to a private clinic at Gadabuke.

"Local hunters who mobilized to the scene were forced to retreat due to the weapons the rustlers were carrying," he said.

Efforts to get the reaction of the Kuje Divisional Police Officer (DPO), Mr. Uwechenfo U.C, were not successful but a police officer who would not want his name mentioned confirmed the incident.

He said the community where the incident occurred was not within the jurisdiction of Kuje Police Division, imploring our reporter to go to Gadabuke police station in Nasarawa State.

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