

# Abuja village thrown into confusion as scorpion stings child to death

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**T**ragedy struck on Monday night when a scorpion stung a 3-year-old child to death at Fogbe village, in Kwali Area Council of the FCT.

A member of the deceased's family, Jibrin Musa, said the incident happened around 10:23 p.m. when the child, a female, was sleeping outside a compound with her mother.

He said the mother suddenly woke up after she heard the child crying, saying it was in the process that she discovered that a scorpion had stung the child on the leg.

"It was after the mother woke up and flashed a torchlight that she saw a scorpion under the mat they were sleeping on. Neighbours assisted in killing the scorpion," he narrated.

He said the child's body temperature became high and the father rushed her

to a clinic at the village but that the child died about an hour after they returned from the clinic.

The relation said the child was buried at about 7: 23 a.m. on Tuesday at the village.

In a separate development, some suspected cattle rustlers last week invaded a Fulani settlement at the community and stole 32 cows, our reporter has learnt.

It was gathered that the rustlers, who were large

in number and wielding dangerous weapons, invaded the camp and shot sporadically into the air, before escaping with the cows, a situation, it was gathered, threw the locals into panic.

Effort to contact the Kwali Divisional Police Officer (DPO), Mr. Philip Egwueme, was unsuccessful as he could not be reached on phone and a police officer at the station said the division was not aware of the incident.

