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Police kill 2 rustlers, recover 441 cows

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Police in Kano State killed two cattle rustlers and recovered 441 cows and 80 sheep in Falgore Forest in Tudunwada Local Government Area of the state.

The state's police commissioner, Alhaji Muhammad Musa Katsina, stated this yesterday in Falgore forest while handing over the animals to the state government.

Katsina said the rustlers

were engaged in a gun battle by the police anti-rustlers squad on Saturday. The commissioner said police recovered a sum of N500,000 from the rustlers who abandoned the money and fled the forest during the encounter.

The commissioner said since commencement of the exercise on September 16, 2015, police have recovered 1,627 cows, many sheep and arrested scores of suspected rustlers in two forests.

"We will spare nobody in the current fight against cattle rustling in Kano. We will not relent on our efforts until we make the forest free of cattle rustlers," he said.

The state governor, Alhaji Abdullahi Umar Ganduje, lamented that the menace of cattle rustling has become a big problem in the southern part of Kano.

Ganduje said government would do everything within its powers to tackle the problem.

"Falgore forest as far as

Sani Dawaki Gabasawa, said 11 local government areas are affected by activities of cattle rustlers in Kano.

Meanwhile, soldiers on patrol in Falgore forest, yesterday had an encounter with some rustlers. A soldier, who craved anonymity because he is not authorised to speak to journalists, said an operative was shot in the neck during the encounter. He said: "A soldier was shot but we are confident that he will soon recover."

cattle rustling is concerned is like Sambisa to Boko Haram members. But government will continue to provide the necessary support to security agencies until we cleanse the forest," he said.

He said government had set up a committee for verification of people claiming ownership of the stolen animals. He said the committee has so far handed over 245 cows to the rightful owners.

Representative of the committee's chairman, Alhaji



force would partner the media to institute the culture of community policing, adding that professionalism will be maintained in the interest of peace and harmony in the state.

He stressed that his