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Rustlers kill 3 herdsmen, steal 600 cattle in Taraba

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No fewer than 600 cattle were stolen and three herdsmen killed by cattle rustlers at Gareji village of Wukari local government area in Taraba state on Sunday night. The attack on the Fulani settlement by the rustlers, according to the chairman Miyetti Allah Association of Nigeria, Taraba State branch, Alhaji Mafindi Danbauran, has brought the number of stolen cattle to over 17500 in three years.

Danbauran told the Daily Trust that about 10 well-armed rustlers invaded the Fulani settlement at Gareji on Sunday mid night and carted away the animals. The chairman said during the attack, three herdsmen were killed while some women were abducted to unknown location. Danbauran said the number of cattle stolen in the state by rustlers from 2013 to date was 17500 while over 200 herdsmen were killed. He appealed to the federal government to set up special task force on cattle rustling in the state to safe guard the herdsmen and their animals.

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