


herder in Gwagwalada village

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Gunmen suspected to be kidnapers last Saturday invaded a Fulani camp at Gurfata village in Gwagwalada Area Council, Abuja, killing a member of the vigilante group and kidnapping another herder.

A relative of the deceased, who preferred anonymity, confirmed to our reporter yesterday that some suspected gunmen wielding A-K 47 rifles invaded the camp.

He said about eight gunmen came to the camp and shot sporadically into the air before kidnapping one of the herders.

He said a member of the vigilante was killed when the group, led by one Shehu, mobilized his men to trail and engage the gunmen.

"It was after they whisked one of the herders away that we alerted some of our kinsmen who are vigilante members. They decided to invite the police who joined them in trailing the gunmen. Unfortunately, there was a shoot-out and a member of the vigilante was killed," he said.

He said the suspected kidnapers have held their victim up till now and are demanding for N3 million ransom.

He added that the victim had been living in the community with his family, before he was kidnapped saying that the remains of one of the herders who was killed has been buried since Sunday at about 2:12p.m.at the Muslim cemetery, near FRCN-Old Kutunku road in Gwagwalada.

Efforts to get reaction of the Gwagwalada Police Area Commander, Mr. Babafemi Abinwaja, over the incident were not successful, while the FCT Police Commissioner, Mr.

Wilson Inalegwu, said the command was not aware of such incident.