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Katsina: 10 Killed In Hunters, Rustlers' Clash

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No fewer than 10 people are feared dead at Shinfida village in Jibiya local government area of Katsina State during a clash between hunters and suspected cattle rustlers.

It was gathered that the incidence occurred when hunters from the village on a hunting expedition bumped into suspected cattle rustlers in a forest at neighbouring Zamfara State.

A resident said a fight ensued between the hunters and the suspected cattle rustlers following which two of the hunters were killed.

"The hunters came back to the village, mobilised themselves, including some people from the nearby village of Sayau, and headed to the bush to confront the suspected rustlers.

"After a gun duel, eight persons, comprising six from Shinfida and two from Sayau village were killed. As I talk to you, two persons are missing and we don't know if they have been killed or they are still alive," a source said.

It was not clear the casualty level on both sides as our source declined to comment on that.

The chairman of Jibiya local government, Alhaji Aminu Lawal, who confirmed the incidence to our correspondent, said a search team had been dispatch to the bush to search for the two missing persons.

Lawal, however, said attempts to take the corpses of those killed to Jibiya General Hospital were frustrated by the villagers who insisted that they be allowed to bury their dead.

He appealed to the state government and the police authorities to set up a police station in Shinfida village to fortify security of the area.

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