

# Herdsman Killed 12 In Southern Kaduna Village On Easter Eve

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It was a bloody Easter celebration in Aso community of Jema'a local government area in Southern Kaduna, following the killing of 12 persons by gunmen suspected to be killer herdsman.

The gunmen who attacked the community on Saturday night, let four others injured.

Aso community under Gwom (Kagoma) Chiefdom is about 40km away from

Kafanchan, the headquarters of Jema'a local government area in Kaduna State.

LEADERSHIP gathered that gunmen dressed in an up and down overall attire, stormed the community at about 8 pm and started shooting sporadically.

An eyewitness, Rev. Fr. Alexander Thomas, a Catholic Priest told our correspondent that the attack lasted for about an hour before the arrival of soldiers after the attackers

had left.

Secretary of the Gwom chiefdom, Mr. Sale Banda Kure who confirmed the attack said "The gunmen who were identified to be herdsman, attacked us at about 7:30 to 8 pm. They started shooting at everybody and even following some people to their residence to kill them. The attack took place without any resistance from the security operatives already stationed in the community."

"They killed 12 people, 10 men and two women, the families of those killed have been given permission to bury their loved ones. This is the worst easter ever experienced in our chiefdom," he said.

When contacted, the spokesman of the Kaduna State Police Command, ASP Aliyu Usman, did not respond to our inquiries or the text message sent to his telephone line as at the time of filing this report.