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Security operatives nab nine rustlers

• Recover 2,000 cattle

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A JOINT security operation against rustling in Kaduna State has led to the recovery of over 2,000 cattle and rams.

It was conducted in Birnin Gwari Local Government.

Nine suspected rustlers were arrested. They were accused of ravaging the Kamuku forest.

The arrest and recovery were made after the joint security operatives, including the military, the police and others raided the bandits at Birnin Gwari and Damari villages on Sunday and ear-

ly yesterday.

Three suspects were confirmed killed in the gun battle with the security operatives.

Governor Nasir El-Rufa'i, who visited the forest yesterday, hailed the security for the 'swift intervention' and promised that the government would support the operatives.

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He said the operation was part of the offensive in the Northwest against rustling.

His words: "So far, so good. We are satisfied with the work done by the armed forces in tackling rustling and insecurity, which had lingered."

"The operation was done in the six states that share the Birnin Gwari forest. They are Zamfara, Kebbi, Katsina, Sokoto, Niger and Kaduna."

"This operation is in the Kaduna State end, but it is also happening in the other affected states."

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The governors of five states bordering the Kamuku Forest have agreed to form a joint security strategy to contain rustlers, who have stolen cows and killed people.