



Hoodlums kill policeman, seven vigilantes in Niger



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A policeman and seven members of a local vigilance group have been killed by gunmen in Kuserki community in Rafi local government area of Niger State.

The gunmen were said to have ambushed the victims who were on their way to the village after receiving distress calls that the community was under the siege of suspected hoodlums.

Sources said hoodlums engaged the security men in exchange of gunfire that lasted three hours, during which the unnamed policeman died.

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Policemen were said to have received a distress call that some armed cattle rustlers had invaded Lamba Waya village at Pandogari, which prompted the deployment of a joint team of police, civil defence personnel and vigilance group members to track down the hoodlums.

Witnesses said the gunmen men escaped with the rustled cattle leaving seven vigilantes and one policeman dead.

Confirming the report, Police spokesman, Muhammad Abubakar noted that the cattle rustlers were also badly injured during the exchange of gunfire.

He disclosed that security forces had been drafted to the area with a view to apprehending the culprits.

“Our men are following the blood trails and combing the areas as we speak,” Abubakar added.



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