

Police kill suspected rustler, recover 10 cows, 12 goats in Plateau

THE Plateau Police Command has killed a suspected rustler and recovered 18 cows and 12 goats at Randi community of Bassa Local Government Area of Plateau State.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Plateau Command, ASP Obah Ogaba, disclosed this in a statement on Thursday in Jos, the state capital, according to the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN).

Ogaba said the operatives of the command had earlier arrested one Halidu Idris, a member of the notorious gang of rustlers who led the police to their hideout.

He explained that the police killed, arrested the suspect and rescued the cows and goats on Monday afternoon.

Ogaba added that the feat followed a tip off from members of the public.

"Acting on a tip off, a combined team of police oper-

atives attached to Jengre Division, Anti-kidnapping Unit and the Yan Bula Hunters group of Jengre Area, on Monday, at about 2:30 p.m., arrested one Halidu Idris of Radi village of Bassa who is a member of a notorious gang of rustlers operating within Jengre and its environs.

"Idris led the police to their den, but on sighting the police, the gang members who already laid ambush, opened fire on the operatives.

"As a result of the gun duel, one of the gang members was shot dead while one of the members identified as Yakubu Soja and five others took to their heels.

"Exhibits recovered at the scene were 18 cows, 12 goats, army uniforms and some substances suspected to be hemp," he said.

Ogaba said efforts were on top gear to arrest Soja and other suspected members of the gang.