

# Cattle rustlers kill monarch police inspector, 33 others

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with agency report

**A**N unspecified number of people were killed on Tuesday evening by

gunmen suspected to be cattle rustlers in Shiroro Local Government Area of Niger State, the police and community sources have said.

A village head in the area, who pledged anonymity, told the News Agency of Nigeria on Wednesday that the victims included the district Head of Allawa in

Shiroro, a police inspector and 33 others.

The community leader said the attackers, numbering about 40 and armed with machine guns and other

weapons, were believed to be Fulani herdsmen.

He said the operation lasted about two days during which the area was set more than 25 km ablaze and injured.

The village head said about 100 of the villagers have been displaced as a result of the incident.

Confirming the incident, the Police Public Relations Officer in Niger, Alhaji Elkana, said the commission had yet to confirm the casualty figure.

Elkana said a police officer was among those killed, adding that the incident occurred on Tuesday.

He said due to the lack of communication between Allawa and other parts of the state, the security agencies could not respond quickly.

Elkana said, the Commissioner of Police, Alhaji Abubakar Marican, has sent the Divisional Police Officer in Kagara, Alhaji Elkana, to the Police Area Command in Minna to the town to assess the situation in the village to assess the situation and bring back a report.

NAN reported that the Nigerian Army has been battling with cattle rustlers in Shiroro Local Government Area of the state.

The Army recently recovered 184 cows and sheep from suspected cattle rustlers and handed them over to the Chairman of Munya Local Government, Alhaji Abdulkadir, to enable them to reclaim them.



• L-R: Representative of the Chairman of the occasion, Prof. Adebayo Williams; author's husband, Mr. Adelana Odutola; author, Oluranti; moderator, Mr. Opeyemi Bamidele; Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Information and Strategy, Lagos State, Mr. Fola Adeyemi; and guest lecturer, Prof. Olu Obafemi, during the public presentation of the book titled, *Abounding Grace* and inauguration of a non-governmental organisation, *Joyfully Married*, in Lagos...on Wednesday. Photo: Goke Famadewa

## CJ to reassign BGL's suit to new judge

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**T**HE Chief Judge of the Federal High Court, Justice Ibrahimauta, has recalled the case file of BGL Group from Justice Mohammed Yunusa, to whom it was assigned as a vacation judge.

The development prevented Justice Yunusa from delivering his judgment.

However, Justice Yunusa, who heard the case as a vacation judge, last week Thursday vacated Justice Saidu's restraining order preventing BGL's expulsion.

Yunusa, in his ruling, had said he was convinced that BGL obtained the order from Justice Saidu by concealing material facts.

of N5.8bn as of June 2, 2015.

According to SEC, the alleged debt represented return on investments at maturity which BGL allegedly failed to return to capital market investors.

SEC accused BGL Asset Management Limited of acting contrary to its mandate

by "wholly transferring funds received from the investing public to BGL Plc without engaging in any form of Fund/Portfolio Management."

SEC further claimed that as of December 2014, BGL had run at a loss running into over N48bn, adding that BGL had severe liquidity problems.