

Gunmen kill two, cart away cows in Kaduna

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At least two persons were killed while others were reportedly injured as gunmen suspected to be Fulani herdsmen on Sunday night invaded Galwyi community in the Chikun Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

A source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said about 100 cows were carted away by the gunmen.

It was gathered that the gunmen shot into the air to scare away residents, but were resisted by the community's vigilantes who fought back.

"As soon as they came close, the dogs of our vigilantes began to bark. When they neared the village, they started to shoot into the air. They had heavy weapons but our vigilantes responded. While the fight lasted, some of the bandits stole our cattle," the source said.

The source said that by the time the dust settled down, two members of the village were dead.

He gave the names of those killed as Sunday Garba, 23, and Inua Gaube, 27.

He said two others were critically injured and were taken to an undisclosed hospital.

"They left with not less than 100 cows. The police from Gwagwada outpost arrived soon after we called for help. They chased them into the night, but had to retreat later. We killed one of them, but they fled with the corpse," the source said.


Our correspondent gathered that after the bandits had wreaked havoc on the village, they (bandits) went ahead to tell the people of Kawure, Guidna and Zhedna – all neighbours of Galwyi, that the next attacks would be launched against them.

As of the time of filing the report, the Police Public Relations Officer, Kaduna State Police Command, Aliyu Usman, said he was in Godogodo with the state Police Commissioner for an on-the-spot assessment.

Usman said, "I have been briefed. But as soon as I get back and the details are made available to me, I shall let you know."

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