

# Cattle rustlers kill five

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## Enyioha Opara, Minna

Fully-armed cattle rustlers on Monday killed five persons in Gbada community in Kaure, Shiroro Local Government Area of Niger State.

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46 correspondent learnt that the attack was carried out at about 3a.m and that several villagers were also  
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as gathered that the attackers, numbering over 30, stormed the community at about 3a.m when the  
gers were deep in sleep and that several cows were stolen.

ida and environs situated on the border with neighbouring Kaduna State have come under attacks in  
ent times by rustlers.

senator representing Niger East, Senator David Umaru, has condemned the attack, describing it as  
baric and heinous,” while calling on security agencies to bring the perpetrators to book.

Speaking in a telephone interview with our correspondent in Minna, Umaru said he got a call from some  
members of the community informing him of the invasion of the rustlers and he promptly alerted the Police  
command in the state.

He said that many of the villagers were still missing and that some houses were allegedly destroyed in the  
bloody attack.

The Chairman of Shiroro LGA, Hon Hassan Jagaba, who confirmed the attack to journalists described the  
onslaught as “inhuman and devastating.”

“On the receipt of information of the invasion, I had to alert the Police at Zumba division, who mobilised  
their men to the affected community but the attackers had fled with the cattle they rustled before the Police  
got there,” Jagaba explained.

The Police Public Relations Officer of the state Police command, DSP Bala Elkana, also confirmed the  
report, saying that the invaders fled to the neighbouring Kaduna State.

He said the anti-cattle rustling team was combing the forest through which the fleeing rustlers were  
believed to have escaped.

He said that no arrest has been made so far.