

Traders lynch suspected bandit in Katsina market

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There are fears at the Charanchi Market in Katsina State following the death of a Fulani herdsman over suspicion that he was a bandit.

The herdsman, who brought his cow to the market for sale on Sunday, was lynched by some of the traders, who alleged that he was a bandit.

The spokesman for the state police command, SP Gambo Isah, confirmed the incident.

“A Fulani man was suspected to be a bandit and lynched,” Isah simply stated.

It was also learnt that police at Charanchi rescued another Fulani herdsman from being lynched.

The herdsman reportedly told the police that he and the victim were at the market to sell their cows.

Another version of the story, however, revealed that five Fulani men suspected to be bandits were at the market on Sunday and that a search revealed that they were allegedly carrying AK-47 rifles on them.

Angry traders reportedly swooped on them and set three of them ablaze, while two were rescued by the police.

Some residents of the market area said on Tuesday that there was commotion in the cattle section of the market before the police intervened.

The residents, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said they only heard about the incident.

One of the residents said, “You know that it is a big market and people come from all over Nigeria every Sunday to transact business there. It’s not possible to see or hear everything that happens on market days.

“We saw some policemen and people said there was a commotion because some men were carrying AK-47 rifles at the cattle section and they were suspected to be either armed robbers or bandits.”