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## 12 killed, burnt in Katsina community

• Only 2 died, says police

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**A**rmed men suspected to be members of local vigilance group known as Koshi, an off-shoot of the banned Isa Gona group in Katsina State, were again, on rampage at Yantalata village in Kafur Local Government Area of the state, killing about 12 suspected cattle rustlers and burning their remains.

With the latest attack, the death toll from the group's activities has reportedly risen to 15. About three people were said to have been murdered by the group few months ago at Kankara Local Government Area of the state.

The Deputy Commissioner of Police, Katsina State Command, Bala Zama Senchi, who spoke to Daily Sun on behalf of the Commissioner of Police, Muhammad Hurdi, confirmed the murder of only two suspects last weekend at Yantalata Village.

"We got a report on this. We are investigating and some arrests had been made. The situation is under control," Senchi stated.

The police chief also said detectives were on the trail of some of the alleged perpetrators of the crime.

However, the state Chairman of the Standing Committee on the Improvement of Farmers and Fulani Herdsmen Relations, Alhaji Nuhu Abdulkadir, disclosed that the leader of the Koshi group, simply identified as Koshi, and some members believed to be involved in the Yantalata incident, had been handed over to security operatives by the Katsina Emirate Council.

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