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Soldiers kill 4 cattle rustlers, arrest 5 others

From **Andy Asemota**, Katsina

FOUR persons reportedly involved in cattle rustling were shot dead and five others arrested in efforts to rid Rugu Forest in Safana area, Katsina State, of cattle rustlers by sol-

diers.

Commanding Officer of 35 Battalion of Nigerian Army in Katsina, Lt. Colonel Alhasan Girema, who confirmed this to newsmen said the soldiers also recovered about 500 cows, 231 sheep, hundreds of goats and donkeys.

He said the livestock were handed over to the Standing Committee on Prevention of Farmers' Clashes led by Kauran Katsina, District Head of Rimi, Nuhu Abdulkadir.

In his remarks, Nuhu Abdulkadir, assured that the animals would be returned

to their genuine owners by the committee after thorough investigation by the relevant authorities. One of the cattle owners, Sule Tambai, who spoke on the occasion, had nothing but praises for the army and government after recovering 130 of his cattle.

Boko-Haram: IGP warns of IED Xmas gifts

From **Molly Kilete**, Abuja

Members of the Boko Haram terrorist group are warned to refrain from planting and using Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) during the Christmas season. The Inspector General of Police (IGP) issued the warning to members of the Boko Haram terrorist group, who are known for their violent activities, during a meeting with them in Abuja. The IGP warned that the use of IEDs during the Christmas season is a serious offence and that anyone caught doing so will be dealt with severely. He also urged the members of the group to return to a peaceful life and to stop their violent activities.