

3 killed, 15 kidnapped, cattle rustled in Sokoto Diocese —Fr Omotosho

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OWERRI—THREE persons were reported killed, 15 kidnapped and cattle rustled, last Tuesday, when armed hoodlums attacked some communities in Sokoto Catholic Diocese.

Confirming this to Vanguard in Owerri, yesterday, the Diocesan Director of Social Communication, Rev. Fr. Chris Omotosho, lamented that "the killings in our area of jurisdiction is getting very

worrisome", even as he appealed to the Federal Government to save the citizenry from the rampaging killers in Nigeria.

Giving a graphic account of the recent attack at Gidan Namune, Katsina State, Fr. Omotosho said: "Bishop Matthew Hassan Kukah is heartbroken over this latest incident. Gidan Namune is a village in Kankara Local Government Area of Katsina State. It is a Christian community and one of the out stations of St. Joseph's Parish,

Layin Minista, in the Catholic Diocese of Sokoto.

"Last Tuesday, December 1, 2020, the village was attacked by unknown gunmen in the early hours of that day. According to eyewitnesses, the rampaging marauders first attacked two of their neighbouring villages namely, Gidan Boka and Gidan Tanki that same night, grisly killing two people and shot another, who is now receiving medical attention in a hospital. The criminals rustled their cattle and kidnapped about 15 persons.