released by their captors, declined giving details as regards their release.

Their captors had demanded for N75 million

as ransom to secure their release.

## Suspected cattle rustlers kill herdsmen's leader

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A KURE—SUSPECTED cattle
rustlers have reportedly murdered a
leader of the herdsmen in Ondo State, Aliu
Yunusa, after abducting his wife.

Yunusa, according to sources was killed near Ilu-Abo junction, in Akure South council area

while going to his ranch.

Sources said he was killed while battling the criminals to rescue his wife earlier abducted

by the hoodlums.

Confirming the incident, the commander of the state security outfit codenamed Amotekun, Adetunji Adeleye, said Yunuda was "killed by individuals believed to be fellow Fulani herdsmen who attempted to rustle his cattle.

Adeleye said: "They had earlier kidnapped his wife, but he fought them off and retrieved her."

"Unfortunately, they (gunmen) returned, overpowered, and killed him while trying to steal his cows.

"Adistress call was placed to the Amotekun Corps' at the Ogbese outpost by fellow herdsmen who discovered Yunusa's body at the scene.

"Upon arriving at the location, Amotekun officers found Yunusa's body with multiple machete wounds. His motorcycle was also been set ablaze by the assailants. Our officers are combing the forest in search of these criminals."