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**SECURITY**

In the estate which I reside we’ve been experiencing some hitches in the progress of the estate. There are various setbacks but the major one is Security. The way the security of my neighbourhood is affected are:

* Burglary
* Night Guard
* Fulani Herdsmen (Cow rearers)
* Porosity of The Estate

1. **BURGLARY**: These burglars are believed to have a schedule as they strike during silent hours of the day. Mostly, on Sundays when the estate is slightly empty and at some points during working hours of the day. They would creep into the estate through the elevated bushes with their tools ready to raid the estate. They would inaudibly get rid of the Burglary proof. They would then leave with some valuable items like jewelries, documents and appliances.
2. **NIGHT GUARD**: From my own point of view the cause of all this complications is from the guards on night duty as they’ve not done what they’re anticipated to do. Their job is to:

* Secure premises
* Monitor surveillance equipment
* Inspect access points
* Call police or fire departments incase of emergency
* Write report of nightly activities

I recall, about a week ago when we had a case of robbery in my estate around midnight. The night guards were called upon but there was no response from the guard post. Without delay when the robbers departed we swiftly went to check on the well-being of the guards on duty. What a surprise to us they were profoundly asleep. The next days all guards on night duty got laid off.

1. **FULANI HERDSMEN (COW REARERS)**: We are all cognizant of the difficulties brought to us by the Fulani herdsmen (Cow rearers). In the southern part of Nigeria, land ownership is a sign of wealth, prosperity and power. The gradual desertification in the north, due to climate change and other factors, had decreed massive tracts of land inoperative for cattle herding or agriculture. This has not only withered the amount of land available for farming and pastures but has also driven cattle herders further south. These Fulani’s have been tearing down the estate in which I reside. They bring in their cattle’s and move around the estate eating some crops on undeveloped lands in the estate. They also littered the estate with feaces which I believe is not a good house-keeping and also an invitation to epidemic
2. **POROSITY OF THE ESTATE**: There are so many adjourning road entering the Estate which was not supposed to be. This surely have negative effect on the security of the estate. It is now a passage way for commercial vehicles to use to avoid the main road which is damaged. This has deprived the resident of the estate their confidentiality. This also enhance the crime rate in the estate as criminals use the commercial vehicles to examine the estate.

**SOLUTIONS**

From what I have faced in this estate. I have proposed some solutions to the difficulties we’re facing in this estate. The existing contract with the security should be reviewed. All the adjourning road entering the estate should be obstructed. The estate should be well fenced thereby preventing the cattle rearers entering the estate.