

10 feared killed in attack on Katsina community

From Ibrahim Musa Giginyu,
Katsina

Gunmen have launched a deadly attack on Gurbi community in Kankara Local Government Area of Katsina State, reportedly killing more than 10 people and injuring several others.

A resident, who requested anonymity, said the attackers stormed the area on Sunday evening but could not gain

access to the town as residents had mobilised to defend their community.

He explained that after failing to enter Gurbi, the attackers turned on fleeing residents, shooting indiscriminately at them.

"As I speak to you now, there are more than 10 corpses in Nagodi area, a village in front of Gurbi. After they left, the bodies were being moved back

to Gurbi," he said.

The resident also lamented the alleged delay in security response despite earlier warnings.

"We had alerted security operatives when we heard rumours of the attack, but there was no response until after our people were killed. It was only then that they arrived and began evacuating the bodies," he added.

Another source close to the

community leader's palace said the attackers were unable to enter Gurbi because residents had been alerted and were prepared.

However, the source noted that the gunmen succeeded in attacking fleeing residents who attempted to escape in panic, adding that several people were killed before the attackers withdrew into the forest.

Kankara Local Government

Area has recently witnessed a resurgence of bandit attacks. It was gathered that three days earlier, gunmen attacked Zangon Kankara, where they set two houses and a vehicle ablaze and abducted two persons.

At the time of filing this report, there was no official reaction from the police or the state's Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Dr Nasiru Mu'azu.