

in Kaduna, at the weekend.

## Death toll in attack on Niger communities rises to 15

**N**O fewer than 15 people have been killed after gunmen attacked three communities in North Central, Amnesty International said yesterday.

The death toll from the recent attack on Tashan Maje, Saduro, and Runtuwa communities under Malale in Borgu Local Council of Niger State rose to 15 as of yesterday. The simultaneous attacks

occurred on Saturday in Tashan Maje, Saduro, and Runtuwa villages located in the Borgu area of the state, the rights group said in a statement posted on X.

"The gunmen invaded the villages ... on dozens of motorcycles, shooting in all directions. They also ransacked shops," Amnesty said.

The "horrific attack" is yet another indication that "peo-

ple are constantly living on the edge and feeling helpless," the statement added, but did not provide further details about the attackers.

During the initial assault, one person was confirmed dead, while another sustained a gunshot wound to the hand and was taken to the hospital for treatment.

Residents said the attackers fled the communities shortly

after the incident.

However, fear and tension remain high among locals amid concerns over possible further attacks.

Last week, the police in Zamfara State said 38 people were killed, and others abducted in an attack.

The military, yesterday, said it had "recorded decisive operational successes" against militants over the last 24 hours.