

# Bandits kill acting village head, two others in Sokoto

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The Sokoto State Police Command has confirmed the killing of three persons, including the acting village head of Kurawa in Sabon Birni Local Government Area, following a renewed attack by armed bandits on the community.

The spokesperson of the Command, DSP Ahmed Rufa'i, said the incident occurred on Wednesday night when the attackers invaded the village, killing three residents and abducting seven others.

“Upon receiving the distress call, we immediately mobilised our counter-terrorism unit, mobile police, and officers of the Nigerian Army, supported by local vigilantes,” Rufa'i stated. “The joint team pursued the bandits into the forest and successfully rescued six of the abducted victims. Efforts are ongoing to rescue the remaining one.”

Residents told our correspondent that the slain victims included the acting village head, Hussaini Alhaji Yawalle, and another community leader, Haruna Alhaji Zuguru, along with one other villager whose identity could not be immediately confirmed. The victims were buried on Thursday in accordance with Islamic rites.

Eyewitnesses said the attackers stormed Kurawa around midnight, destroying part of the perimeter fence built by the community for protection before opening fire indiscriminately. They also rustled more than 40 cattle during the raid.

One resident, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the latest assault was the twentieth attack on the community by bandits.

“We thought fencing the village would deter them, but they broke through and caused more tragedy. We have lost respected elders and family heads. We urge the government to deploy more security personnel to protect us,” he said.

The police assured residents that joint operations with the military and vigilante groups would continue until lasting peace is restored to the area.