

Bandits kill 7 farmers in ambush in Niger, 2 missing

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Terrorist attacks in Borgu Local Government Area of Niger State, have continued unabated as no fewer than seven farmers were ambushed and killed by armed men suspected to be bandits.

The latest attack occurred on Friday evening, when farmers from Gbere community in Wawa district of Borgu local government, ran into an ambush laid by the bandits, who opened fire on them, killing seven.

According to a reliable source in the community, the men were on a search and rescue mission after two of the community members were declared missing earlier in the day, before they were ambushed.

“About two people who went to their farms in the morning could not return and it was gathered that the bandits had killed them. So the youths mobilised and went in search of them, but unfortunately they were ambushed and killed by the bandits.

“Up till now, we don’t know the whereabouts of the two people that were missing. We no longer have peace in this community,” the source said.

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It was further gathered that it took the assistance of the Nigerian military stationed in the area to recover the bodies and returned them to Wawa-Gbere community for burial.

Sunday Sun, however, gathered that the whereabouts of the two victims earlier declared missing remain unknown.

He gave the names of those killed as: Naziru Suraju, Luqman Murtala, Salihu Issa (Baabe), Zakari Ibrahim (aka Bagado Bobo), Bashir Abdullah, Abdulrahman Yahaya, and one other person.

Tes attack comes barely two weeks after a group of gunmen attacked the same Gbere community and killed four cattle rearers and went away with their cattle.

Also killed in the attack, which occurred few hours after the state governor Umaru Mohammed Bago, paid a condolence visit to the people of Borgu kingdom over the killings in the area, was an 85 years old woman in the community

According to a source close to the community, the terrorists had invaded the community in their numbers with motorcycles and equally catered away some food items.