

Bandits kill 11 in Katsina, 7 in Benue

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The Katsina State Police Command has confirmed a bandits' attack on Gurbi Village in Kankara Local Government, where 11 residents were killed and two others injured.

In a statement, the state Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Abubakar Aliyu, said the attack occurred at about 2:40 p.m. on April 26, 2026.

“Suspected armed bandits attacked the village and fatally shot 11 persons, while two others sustained varying degrees of injuries before the arrival of security agencies,” he said.

Aliyu added that upon receiving a distress call, a joint security team comprising the police, military, and other agencies, led by the Divisional Police Officer (DPO), mobilised to the scene, forcing the attackers to flee.

“Normalcy has been restored to the area. The injured victims have been evacuated to a nearby hospital, while the deceased have been released to their families for burial in line with Islamic rites,” he said.

He further disclosed that the Commissioner of Police, Ali Umar Fage, has deployed additional tactical teams to prevent further attacks and directed intensified intelligence-led patrols in collaboration with other security agencies and community stakeholders.

The command also commiserated with the families of the victims and urged residents to remain calm and provide useful information to aid ongoing investigations.