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Armed bandits have killed at least 18 persons in Bunkasau Village, under Zarum-mai Ward in Bukkuyum Local Government Area of Zamfara State, following a late-night attack on the community.

Residents said the assailants, numbering over 80 and riding on motorcycles, stormed the village at about 9 p.m. on Friday, shooting indiscriminately at residents.

Confirming the incident in a

Bandits kill 18 in Zamfara community, Gov Lawal mourns victims

telephone interview, the Zamfara State Commissioner for Information and Culture, Mahmud Dantawasa, stated that 18 people were killed while many others sustained injuries.

Reacting to the incident, Governor Dauda Lawal expressed deep sorrow over the tragedy, describing the attacks on Bunkasau, Yar Galma, and Dogon Daji communities as senseless acts of violence against

innocent citizens.

He extended condolences to the bereaved families and directed the immediate deployment of a high-level delegation led by the Deputy Governor to provide support and ensure medical attention for the injured.

The governor also reassured the people of Zamfara State of the government's resolve to intensify efforts to safeguard lives and restore peace across all communities.

The recent attack comes barely one week after suspected armed bandits attacked the Kurfa Community in the Bukkuyum Local Government Area of Zamfara State,

abducting an unspecified number of residents.

According to the Divisional Police Officer in Bukkuyum, the incident occurred on April 2, 2026, at about 1:28 p.m., when a large group of heavily armed assailants stormed the community.

The attackers, reportedly carrying sophisticated weapons, operated for a prolonged period, firing indiscriminately and forcing many residents to flee for safety. Several people were reportedly abducted and taken to an unknown location, while others escaped into the surrounding areas.

Troops of the Nigerian Army have neutralised scores of terrorists, apprehended more than 60 suspects, and rescued no fewer than 50 kidnapped victims in coordinated nationwide operations.

This is contained in an operational update made available to the *News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)* yesterday in Abuja.

The report said the operations conducted in the last 24 hours across the North-East, North-

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ing in multiple neutralisations and the destruction of motorcycles and operational vehicles," the report said.

The report added that troops also apprehended suspected informants and logistics suppliers in Borno and Yobe States, recovering cash, fuel, mobile devices and

rogation, while troops also destroyed several forest-based hideouts linked to armed groups.

In Sokoto and Kebbi states, it said the troops foiled attacks on civilians, killed several attackers in engagements, and rescued abducted persons during ambush and pursuit operations.

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