

Bandits kill one, abduct five in night raid on Sokoto community



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Sokoto State has witnessed a fresh security scare following a night-time attack by armed bandits on Mallamawar Yari village in Kware Local Government Area, resulting in the death of one resident and the abduction of five others.

Residents said the attackers stormed the community on Saturday night, firing sporadically and creating panic. The village, located near the More area on the outskirts of Sokoto metropolis, was thrown into confusion during the assault.

Initial reports claimed the bandits disguised themselves as women in hijabs, but the Nigeria Police Force in Sokoto dismissed this, confirming that the assailants did not wear disguises. Deputy Superintendent of Police Ahmed Rufai, the Police Public Relations Officer, said, “The attack is true. Five people were kidnapped and one person was killed.”

Security sources revealed that the abducted victims include three women and two men, who were taken to an unknown location.

The incident has heightened anxiety in the region as communities in North-West Nigeria continue to face recurring bandit attacks and kidnappings. Security agencies have launched operations to track the gunmen, rescue the victims, and prevent further attacks, with efforts ongoing to restore calm and strengthen surveillance across vulnerable communities.