

Bandits burn vehicle, watch passengers die in fire

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Some seasonal migrants have been burnt to death at Gidan Bawa village in Sabon Birni Local Government Area of Sokoto State.

The migrants were said to be on their way to Gadan Gayan in Kaduna en-route to the southern part of the country in search of livelihood.

Shinkafi-Sabon Birni-Isa axis in Zamfara and Sokoto states have witnessed a very sharp spike in attacks largely perpetrated by the terror kingpin known as Turji.

Turji had earlier killed six people, kidnapped several others and set some vehicles ablaze in an attack along Kaura Namoda-Shinkafi Road in Zamfara State.

Residents said he had

escalated the attacks on the axis in response to air strikes by NAF and prolonged closure of livestock market by Zamfara State government.

The vehicle, which they hired for the journey, was ambushed by the bandits who opened fire on them.

The incident was said to have occurred at Teke village in Gidan Bawa district around 10am on Monday.

"The bandits shot at the tyres of the vehicle which somersaulted and burst into flame," the source said.

The bandits were said to have surrounded the vehicle while on fire to ensure none of the passengers survived the tragedy.

One of the vigilantes in Sabon Birni Local Government Area told our reporter that the victims were from their area and neighbouring Niger

Republic.

"They were on their way to the southern part of the country in search of greener pasture," he said.

Another account said there were 10 passengers in the vehicle and none of them survived the attack.

A member representing Sabon Birni South, Ibrahim Sa'idu, while confirming the incident said the bandits had started robbing people of their motorcycles, phones and other valuables on their farms.

He said they abducted nine people at Masawa Village recently.

A local guard said the military personnel deployed in the area were not responding to distress calls.

But some reports indicated that two of the victims escaped and were receiving treatment at the General Hospital in Isa town.