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Gunmen kill 7 in Zamfara

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Seven persons were killed Monday in an attack by unknown gunmen on Gidandawa village in Maradun LGA of Zamfara State, police said yesterday.

Police spokesman DSP Lawal Abdullahi told Daily Trust in Gusau that the gunmen stormed the village early Monday and started shooting at the people, leaving the seven dead. He said two other persons sustained serious injuries and were taken to the Maradun General Hospital with the assistance of the police.

According to him, those who died were buried on the same day in accordance with Islamic rites.

He remarked that the attack may have been a reprisal as some people from the community were said to have recently attacked and maimed some Fulanis who they alleged were cattle rustlers. He said the police command had swung into action to investigate and bring the attackers to book, reiterating that people should avoid taking the law into their hands as the police and other security agencies are always there to receive reports and handle matters professionally.

A witness who preferred anonymity however said over 20 attackers riding motorcycles killed over 30 people while some bodies were still being discovered in the bushes.

He said, many people have relocated to the local government headquarters, Maradun and appealed to the state government to assist in safeguarding their lives and property.

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