

Thieves set Kaduna village on fire, kill 20

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A gang of thieves Wednesday morning shot dead at least 20 people and set houses on fire in Gworon Dutse village of Birnin Gwari LGA of Kaduna State.

The thieves were said to have stormed the village in the morning. A source in the nearby Gwaska village said the thieves carried out the attack as a revenge for the killing of two of their colleagues near the village recently.

He said: "The thieves set up a road block near Gwaska village and robbed travellers but before they left a group of men moving towards Gwaska from Goron Dutse engaged them in a fight, killing two instantly."

He said the thieves later killed a man travelling on motorcycle along the same road a few days before the attack on Wednesday.

"They arrived the village in the morning and opened fire on the residents and before the left, they torched all the houses. No fewer than 20 people were killed and almost all the houses in the village were burnt. We believe the thieves live in the forest close by and attacked the people as revenge for the killing of their friends." He said soldiers and policemen were later seen patrolling the area.

Police spokesman, DSP Zubairu Abubakar said he was not aware of the attack but promised to contact his colleagues in the area for details.