

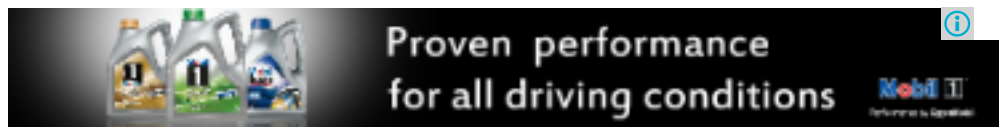
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Bandits kill 16 vigilantes in Zamfara bloodbath

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At least 16 local vigilante volunteers popularly known as “Yan Sa kai” were killed by suspected bandits in an ambush in Rudunu village of Maradun local government area of Zamfara State. Residents told Daily Trust that the vigilantes were riding motorbikes on the way back from patrolling neighbouring villages when the armed bandits caught them unawares, firing at them from a nearby forest.

The bandits killed all of the vigilantes, set their motorbikes ablaze, fired several gunshots in the air and made away. Today’s attack is coming barely a month after suspected bandits killed at least eight persons, burnt 70 local grain silos and 19 residential houses in an attack on Danfau village in the same local government.

Reacting to the development the Deputy Commissioner of Police in the state, Mr Usman Nagoggo confirmed the incident but said it might be a retaliatory attack, adding that they had counted sixteen bodies. “You know these vigilantes used to go to markets in villages in the name of fishing out “criminals”. But they take the law into their hands, unlawfully executing victims and this is what has led to what we are witnessing

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today," he said.

Naggogo further explained that security personnel were dispatched to the area under the leadership of two area commanders. "The terrain is very rough as there are no access roads or telecoms network in the area. It took about 3 hours before we reached there. This is greatly affecting our swift response to situations like this," he said.

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