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Bandits kill 3, cart away camels in Zamfara villages

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A group of bandits have attacked Zanoka village in the Anka Local Government Area of Zamfara State killing three persons.

Residents said the gunmen arrived on motorcycles firing at residents in the attack which came barely two weeks after four people were killed in a similar raid in Tanganran village.

Effort to get the police spokesman in the state, DSP Sanusi Amiru to react to the incident failed as he did not return the calls put to him at the time of filing this report.

In another development, suspected bandits have carted away a herd of camels in Dawan Jiya village in the same Anka Local Government Area.

A resident, Murtala Kawaye, told Daily Trust that a group of labourers riding their camels were intercepted by the armed bandits on their way back home from their farms, and that the bandits then seized the camels and made away with them.

Kwaye said, "When they came, they fired several gunshots into the air to scare the owners. They took away the camels, except one that refused to go with them. They tried hard to take that away as it resisted their move, and one of the rustlers shot it dead and then

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dashed into the forest.”

He appealed for intervention from the authorities, saying, “We are under siege and we need the government to come to our rescue. These callous men are killing us and taking away our animals almost on daily basis.”

He said the camels, belonged to the labourers who came to their communities annually to work on sorghum and maize plantations for money but often had their beasts taken away. He said it was unfortunate that the camels used to transport bags of grains from the farms to villages for payment, were constantly threatened by the camel thieves.

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