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Seven persons were reportedly killed in an attack at a Dan Gamji, a small village near Birnin Gwari in Kaduna State.

The attackers were said to have stormed the village on motorcycles around 6:00 pm on Friday and opened fire at a gathering near the village market.

A source in Birnin Gwari said six persons died at the spot while two were rushed to a nearby hospital and one of them died early yesterday morning.

A witness who is also a member of the community in Birnin Gwari told journalists that, “it is unfortunate that on Friday herdsmen attacked the village of Dangaji. They penetrated the village and burnt houses down”.

He said “the last victim was rushed to the hospital, but unfortunately he died on the way to the hospital. Right now, all the villagers have fled and scattered into other communities where they can find shelter”.

Police Public Relations Officer, ASP Mukhtar Hussaini Aliyu, confirmed the incident.

He said after preliminary investigation, it appeared the armed men targeted mainly members of the village vigilante groups as all the five that died were members of the community vigilante group.

He said further investigations have continued into the matter.