Fresh bandit attack claims two in Niger

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Armed bandits have again killed two people and rustled about 2,000 cattle in a renewed attack on Erena in Shiroro Local Government Area of Niger State.

The incidence, which occurred early Sunday morning, left several other people injured.

The bandits, numbering over hundred, shot sporadically, killing two people and forcing many villagers to run to the bush for safety.

It was gathered that dozens of villagers are now taken refuge at Gwada.

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Former Chairman, Shiroro Local Government Area, Retired ASP Abdullahi Yerima appealed to both Niger State and Federal Government as well as security agencies to come to their aid.

Yerima said unless urgent steps were taken, hunger and starvation will set in since Shiroro, the food basket of Niger State, has been under massive and consistent attack by bandits.

Confirming the attack, the state Police Public Relations Officer, Wasiu Abiodun, said two persons were killed, one person injured, while some cows were rustled in the attacks by bandits on communities in Erena area.

He stated that normalcy has returned to the area as a combined security force has been sent there to restore peace.