

Bandits kill 13 in Katsina villages

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Thirteen people were killed early yesterday when bandits attacked Unguwar Gizo, Maigora, Sabon Layi and Mai Ruwa villages in Faskari Local Government Area of Katsina State.

Sources said the bandits entered the villages after midnight, and started seizing livestock but were resisted by residents.

"This morning we are holding funeral prayers for 13 people killed in the attack," a resident told Daily Trust yesterday.

"Seven others were injured and are in hospital receiving treatment, another person was shot on his leg at Mairuwa," he added.

The spokesman of the state police command, SP Gambo Isah, said: "Yes, it is true, 13 were killed. We keep telling people to avoid

confrontation with the bandits because they are armed with AK-47 rifles and you can't fight them with dane guns and machetes."

"They came to rustle animals and the villagers confronted them, which made them to attack," he added.