

Bandits kill woman in Sokoto

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The Sokoto State Police Command has confirmed the death of one woman at Deyeji village in Gudu Local Government Area of Sokoto State, which was attacked by bandits on Tuesday.

Speaking to Daily Trust, the spokesman of the command, DSP Muhammad Sadiq said three persons were shot by the assailants, including a woman.

Sadiq said the woman was later confirmed dead at the Usmanu Danfodiyo Teaching Hospital, Sokoto.

According to him, the male victims were recuperating in the same hospital.

According to eyewitnesses, the attackers came around 7 pm, shooting sporadically and setting houses ablaze.

"They came to take revenge over their arrest by the army, following our report on their activities.

"The bandits had lived with us for over 30 years and when

we realised some of them were into kidnapping and banditry, we reported them to the army who arrested them.

"They were bailed out by a prominent traditional ruler in the area, and since then, they promised to attack and kill everyone in the village.

"They know that we patrol our area after the sunset prayer every day that was why they launched their attack before the prayer because we are not well prepared at the time," he said.

It was gathered that the attackers came on three motorcycles, each carrying three persons armed with AK47 rifles.

A source told Daily Trust that the casualties were less because most of the residents had fled into the nearby bush.

He, however, revealed that normalcy had since returned to the area as troops were currently patrolling the village and the surroundings in the areas.