13 killed in another attack on Sokoto village

Abubakar Auwal, Sokoto

Bandits have killed 13 persons at Tara village in Sabon Birni Local Government.

Area of Sokoto State.

Daily Trust Saturday gathered that another seven persons critically injured by the attackers are currently receiving treatment at a hospital.

According to the village head of Tara, Mainasara Muhammed Tara, the bandits also carted away unascertained number of livestock after burning their food storage facilities.

Tara, who recalled that the attack is the second in two months, said the bandits invaded the village at about 11:58pm through an unguarded route, as the youth in the community usually guard all entrances at night.

"So, they sneaked into the village through the eastern axis, and opened fire on members of the group that were stationed around that area, killing both of them.

"They then proceeded into the town, killing everyone at sight. We just buried 13 bodies, including a six-year-old girl, while seven people who were critically injured have been taken to the nearest hospital for treatment."

He lamented that the joint task force who were alerted earlier did nothing to protect them, adding that they lost virtually everything from grains to livestock.

When contacted, the spokesman of the Sokoto Police Command, ASP Sanusi Abubakar, promised to provide details of the attack after coming back from the village.