...kill 2 cops 19 others in Zamfara

Suspected armed bandits shot dead two policemen in an attack on their formation in Magami community in Gusau Local Government Area of Zamfara State.

Residents in the community, which is located 50km south of Gusau, the state capital, told *Daily Trust* that the armed men stormed the community on Saturday evening.

Also, 19 other residents were killed in Damaga and Dutsi village in Maradun and Zurmi Local Government Areas of the State.

Residents stated that farmers in Damaga village went for farmland clearance in preparation for this year's cropping season when they were shot by the armed criminals who had earlier warned them not to go to farms.

The spokesman for the state police command, SP Muhammad Shehu said the policemen lost their lives while trying to repel the attack on Magami community by suspected armed bandits who came in their large number to attack residents.

He said the CP has deployed Tactical Units of the Police to the area to complement the operational capacity of the police in the area who are combing the bush in search of the perpetrators.