....Killed 12 in Niger

Daily Trust gathered that armed bandits in search of foodstuff, attacked Mangoro and Kakihun villages in Mariga Local Government Area, shooting indiscriminately. But the swift mobilisation of security forces led to a fierce engagement with the bandits reportedly suffering heavy casualty.

"While on their escape route they invaded Kakihun village. However, twelve persons lost their lives, two Mobile policemen and twenty members of the community sustained bullet wounds at Mongoro village," a source disclosed.

The bandits also kidnapped two villagers during the attacks.