

Fleeing bandits kill 6, abduct many in Sokoto

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Bandits fleeing military onslaught in Zamfara State have killed six persons and abducted several others in Tureta Local Government Area of Sokoto State.

Daily Trust gathered that those injured by the marauders

were receiving treatment in the hospital.

Tureta shares a border with Zamfara State, where the military is bombarding bandits.

The area is also affected by the current shutdown of a telecommunication network in the neighbouring state.

The attackers were said to have raided the area around 2 am on Thursday.

They were said to have deceived the unsuspected members of the community using Muslim's call for prayer.

"The residents started coming out, thinking it was a time for a dawn prayer and the bandits started shooting at them.

"They killed six, injured many and abducted several others," a resident, who pleaded not to be named, said.

"The entire area is in shock and some of the residents have started relocating to other places," he added.

The deputy governor of Sokoto State, Maniru Dan'iya, who visited the area condoled the victims over the incident and reiterated commitment to end banditry in the state. He also said that the state government would foot the medical bills of the injured.