Mob kills, burn corpses of 13 bandits in Sokoto

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Angry mob on Saturday sacked the Divisional Police Headquarter in Tangaza Local Government Area of Sokoto State, killed 13 suspected bandits and burnt their corpses.

The bandits were said to be among those that invaded the area around 8pm on Friday and killed two persons, among them a shop owner and carted away some food items from the shop.

The bandits reportedly forced two young residents of the area to carry the food items into the bush for them after which they killed them.

However, in a raid very early on Saturday, joint security operatives with the support of local vigilantes arrested 13 of the attackers in Tangaza forest and brought them to the divisional police headquarters.

Daily Trust on Saturday gathered that all the stolen food items were recovered during the operation.

A resident of the area who sought for anonymity said when the suspected bandits were brought out from the bush, angry youths in the area stormed the station, overpowered the police operatives and killed all the suspects and set their corpses on fire.

He said that the residents of the area were now all out to defend their community against any possible reprisal.

"We are happy that more security operatives have been deployed to the area," he said

However, another resident said 16 bandits were killed.

The spokesman of the Sokoto Police Command, ASP Sanusi Abubakar, confirmed the incident last night.