

One killed as bandits invade Fulani settlement in Kaduna

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Bandits yesterday attacked a Fulani settlement in the Barakallahu community, Igabi Local Government of Kaduna State, killing a man identified as Imam Abubakar.

The bandits also injured another person who was said to be receiving treatment in a hospital.

The bandits, it was gathered, were said to have invaded the community to cart away cattle.

It was gathered that their mission failed as security officers from the Nigerian Air Force (NAF) base engaged them.

Residents said the victim, who was the deputy Imam in the community, was hit by a stray bullet and died on the spot.

Another resident, who was injured, was shot in the hand.

The District Head of the community,

Alhaji Muhammad Abdullahi, who confirmed the attack to our correspondent, said the incident occurred around 12:15am near the army workshop which shares boundaries with the community.

"Around midnight, we began to hear gunshots. They must have shot 50 times before they finally left the community. I later got to know that there was an exchange of fire between the bandits and soldiers from NAF.

"The victim was shot inside the soldiers' vehicle when they were chasing the bandits. I learnt that some bandits also suffered casualties even though we did not see any of their bodies," he said.

When contacted, the police spokesman in the state, ASP Muhammad Jalige said he was on transit back to Kaduna. He promised to make his finding and get back but did not at the time of filing this report.