

Bandits kill village head, 5 others, abduct 5 in Katsina

From Tijjani Ibrahim, Katsina

Bandits in the early hours of yesterday stormed Daddara Village in Jibia Local Government of Katsina State and killed six people including the village head, Alhaji Jafaru Rabi'u, and his house help, Malam Mansir Danye.

The gunmen also abducted five villagers including a bride-to-be in the attack.

A resident whose daughter was among the abducted victims said several other people sustained injuries.

He said the attackers conducted a house to house search where they carted away animals and other valuables of the residents.

Confirming the incident, Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in Katsina, SP Gambo Isah, said five people were killed while one person was still missing.

"The bandits carrying sophisticated weapons invaded the village around 11:30pm and started shooting.

"By the time our DPO arrived in company with of some military personnel, he met the bandits trying to move away with some people and animals. They exchanged gunfire and chased the bandits away, but one woman is still missing," he said.

Isah said the state was witnessing an influx of bandits due to ongoing military operations in Zamfara and Sokoto states.

"Notorious bandits like Dankarami, Abdulkarim and some Turji boys are seen in Katsina and they are converging around the Tsambe area in Jibia Local Government. But there is synergy now between all the security agencies here and we are trying to flush them out," he added.