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Katsina: Residents protest as bandits kill bizman near NSCDC training school

Residents of Sabon Garin Malam Yahuza in Batagarawa Local Government Area of Katsina State have protested against what they called ineptitude of the operatives of the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) as gunmen attacked the community, killing one person.

The attack was carried out some metres away from the checkpoint mounted by the NSCDC personnel, close to their training

school in Katsina metropolis.

A resident said the attackers came around 2am on Wednesday and started shooting at the residence of Alhaji Abu Mai Bulawus, a businessman, close to the training school.

He said the residents were angry because the NSCDC

personnel did not even make any attempt to fire their guns, at least to scare the attackers.

"They operated for about 30 minutes in the house and then attempted to kidnap the late businessman, but when he refused to go with them, they shot him there and left unchallenged,"

the resident said.

He said policemen only arrived at the scene after the attackers had already fled the scene.

Daily Trust gathered that the victim died from bleeding on the way to hospital.

The protesters claimed that was not the first time bandits attacked

the community and they got no help from the NSCDC operatives.

However, when our reporter visited the community, both the state commandant and the provost of the raining school were on ground to console the protesters who had already burnt down the NSCDC check point.

Although they did not speak to pressmen, they were overheard telling the angry protesters that they were making frantic efforts to mobilise for reinforcement as there were only two men at the checkpoint during the attack.