

# TERRORISTS KILL 43 IN SOKOTO TARABA AND KATSINA

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FILE PHOTO: Bandits on motorcycle

**Terrorists and bandits have killed at least 43 people, many of whom were farmers in Sokoto, Katsina a**

*Daily Trust* reports that Bandits gunned down four farmers and abducted 70 others at different villages in Sabon Sokoto State between Sunday and Monday.

A former Chairman of the local government, Idris Danchadi, said 70 farmers were abducted by the assailants.

Giving the breakdown, he said 19 were abducted from Tsamaye village and 11 each in Mazau and Marina villages.

He added that seven children of one Alhaji Malam were abducted from Katume village while eight persons were abducted from Yaradua villages.

Danchadi noted that 15 farmers were abducted from Unguwan Lalle and seven from Dangawo.

He stated that one Kamaje was killed at Tsamaye village and a son of one Alhaji Aiwa was killed at Dangawo.

The member representing Sabon Birni North Local Government Area, Aminu Boza, said that the bandits attacked Goronyo Road on Monday and abducted all its passengers with the exception of a two-year-old girl. He said to the police.

The passengers were mostly women who were said to be returning from a wedding ceremony.

He alleged that the whole of Sabon Birni was under siege.

“We are at the mercy of bandits despite the presence of security operatives in the area. The bandits have stolen Dandutsi and Tudunbali from where they attack our villages and we informed the security but nothing is done.

However, the Chairman of Sabon Birni Local Government, Umar Danyaro, said that it was not an attack.

“The bandits were returning from Niger Republic with their loots and as usual fired some warning shots while in the Tsamaye area and residents of the area were afraid and fled to other villages.

“And I was told that many of them have returned back to their places,” he said

The chairman also denied knowledge of the abduction of women along the Unguwan Lalle axis.

When contacted, the spokesman for the Sokoto Police Command, DSP Sanusi Abubakar, confirmed the incident about it.

However, the spokesman for the 8 Division of the Nigeria Army, Sokoto, Major Yahya Ngulde, could not be reached. Within the military told *Daily Trust* that troops were mobilised to Sabon Birni in the early hours of Tuesday.