

9 killed in renewed attacks in Katsina

Elsewhere in Katsina, nine people have been reportedly killed and others injured in renewed bandits' attacks in Faskari, Funtua and Bala. Daily Trust gathered that on Tuesday between 2pm and 3pm, the bandits attacked Ruwan Godiya in Faskari LGA and killed six people.

In a similar incident, the bandits on the same day between 10pm and 11pm went to Kadirawa village in the Tafoki area of Faskari LGA, two motorcycles.

One of the residents who fled to Funtua, Alhaji Kabo, said the bandits in the process killed one Abdulazeez Haruna, 30.

Our reporter also gathered that about a week ago, Gandun Sarki, a Fulani settlement in Bakori LGA, was attacked where two men were abducted. Locals said the abductors had reached out to them and demanded N2 million ransom for the woman.

"They also asked four Fulani settlements to pay N2,000,000 each as tax to forestall further attacks on their settlements," a resident who spoke to the reporter said.

In another incident, bandits in the early hours of Wednesday stormed the residence of one Aliyu Muazu at Jabiri, a suburb of Funtua to abduct him and his wife and their two children.

"They came around 1am shooting in the air and laid siege in my street before they forced their way into my house obviously with the intention of kidnapping me but policemen from the Funtua division intervened."

The recent developments have renewed fear among farmers in the affected LGAs.

Sani Garba, a resident of Funtua, said they were finding it difficult to send labourers to their remote farms as no one would want to fall victim to the bandits.

When contacted, the police spokesman in Katsina, SP Gambo Isah, confirmed that six people were killed in Ruwan Godiya village while kidnapping at Jabiri.