Vigilantes kill bandit, arrest 6 others in foiled attack in Katsina

From Tijjani Ibrahim, Katsina

Vigilante members foiled a bandits' attack in Batsari Local Government Area of Katsina State on Sunday.

Sources, however, gave different figures of the attackers killed with some saying six of the bandits were killed and six others arrested.

However, a beheaded body was seen in a video that went viral with one of the legs amputated. Many of the residents were seen in the video taking a look.

A source in the town, who pleaded anonymity, said the bandits, who stormed the town around 4:30pm, shot two people and one had died.

He said it was a group known as Civilian Joint Task Force (CJTF) in Batsari with support from security personnel that repelled the attack where they killed one of the bandits and arrested an unspecified number.

Another source said about nine terrorists were killed while five were arrested, and that corpse seen in the town was that of a notorious bandit who had been terrorising residents on the Batsari-Jibia road.

"He was known for his nefarious activities in this area which is why they decapitated him and dragged his dead body into the town for everyone to see. The other dead bodies were left in the bush," the source said.

Similarly, sources said about nine of the attackers' motorcycles were also seized by the vigilante group.

When contacted, the police spokesman in Katsina State, SP Gambo Isah, said he was yet to receive the report from the DPO of the area, promising to get back to our reporter.

He had yet to do so at the time of filing this report.