

Bandits kill vigilante, abduct many in fresh Niger attack

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One vigilante was killed and another one sustained severe gunshot injuries when bandits attacked the Ebbo community in Lapai Local Government Area of Niger State.

Daily Trust gathered that several villagers were also abducted in several attacks on villages in the state.

and went straight to the vigilante office where they killed one of the vigilantes and shot another one in the leg.

The Wednesday attack came four days after the neighbouring communities of Kpada and Yaba, border communities to the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), were attacked during which at least one person also lost his life

while several residents fled their homes.

Residents said attackers also raided Angwan Dajin Gomna in Kpada community and kidnapped five persons before moving to Zago village and lafiyan Zago where they operated for hours.

In Zago, Daily Trust gathered that bandits abducted over 10 people.

The residents said the

area had been under constant attacks in the last few months, scaring residents and farmers away from going about their normal duties.

The leader of the vigilantes, Malam Yusuf Adalami, told Daily Trust that the injured member had been rushed to Gulu General Hospital while his men were on the trail of the bandits who fled into forests.

He said, "They came on motorcycles in their numbers and came straight to our office. They started shooting sporadically at our office. Our major challenge is lack of weapons. We don't have the kind of weapons they use."

"Even when we were to take one of our members who sustained severe injuries, we didn't get a vehicle easily. And on our

way, the car broke down again. It took hours before we could get another car to take him to the hospital. His condition is severe; we may have to take him to another place for treatment."

The "spokesman" for the Niger State Police Command, DSP Wasiu Abiodun, could not be reached for comments as of the time of filing this report.