

Additional road leading to the local

Five persons including four children between the ages of 1 and 5 have been reportedly killed in Fapo, a village in Lapai Local Government Area of Niger State.

Daily Trust gathered that the attackers who stormed the village between 1am and 2am on Monday shot the four children on a mattress

Multiple sources told our correspondent that one man who was also shot during the attack died Monday morning while 16 others were kidnapped.

Villagers, who sustained severe gunshot injuries, including a woman whose husband was abducted, were taken to Gulu

Residents who believed the attack was a reprisal told our correspondent that the bandits had recently written to the neighbouring community, Efu-Gwari-Nasarawa, of their plan to attack them due to the recent onslaught against them by vigilantes.

"The community they wrote to

In Zago now, you can't find a single person there and even some communities that have not been attacked, everyone is fleeing. Nobody can wait until he's attacked. We've asked women to flee," a villager said.

This attack came less than one

He said police tactical team had been deployed in the area to rescue the abducted villagers.