

# Bandits sack Taraba village, kill 15

## ● Rustle cattle, raze houses

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**G**unmen numbering over 60, on Friday invaded Garin Baka village in Ardo-Kola Local Government Area of Taraba State, killing at least 15 people.

It was gathered that the gunmen came into the village from their den, located on top of a mountain, about 7:30pm and opened fire from all

directions.

*Daily Trust on Sunday* further gathered that the gunmen set houses on fire, rustled cattle and also looted shops and warehouses in the area.

A resident, Yakubu Garba, said when the attackers came, many of the villages were praying inside a mosque, saying pandemonium ensued as people scampered to

safety.

Garba said some of the residents escaped into a nearby forest but two of his family members were not lucky saying they were killed during the attack.

He said the number of those killed could be higher because many of the villagers escaped into the forest with gunshot wounds.

He said that so far, more than 10

bodies were recovered but several people, including women and children were still missing.

Garba said detachments of the army and police had been deployed to the area to restore security.

The spokesperson of the Taraba State police command, SP Usman Abdullahi, confirmed the attack, but said he could not give the actual figure of those killed.

He said the official report of the incident was still being awaited from Sunkani police division.