

## ... Kill 5, injure 4 others in Katsina village

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**S**uspected bandits have killed five people and injured four others at Unguwar Barebari village, Dukke Ward of Funtua LGA, Katsina State.

A resident of the community, who lost a cousin and a nephew in the attack, told our reporter that the attackers came around 8.30pm and stationed themselves among the people.

"When they came, they stationed themselves at different parts of the village, they were dressed in such a way that one would assume they were normal residents of the village. Suddenly, they started shooting sporadically and scared residents," he said.

According to him, there is a place called Gidan Ruwa, where their people usually rush to take refuge whenever there is an attack, but unfortunately, the attackers blocked the place and started calling people to the place as if they were residents and ended up killing them.

"That is where my cousin was killed. They killed three other people at different spots and the fifth one, who is my nephew, was taken to a hospital in Zaria, where he eventually gave up. We buried him this afternoon," he said.

Another resident who corroborated the narrative said four other people sustained gunshot injuries during the attack.

When contacted, the police spokesman in Katsina, CSP Gambo Isah, confirmed the incident, saying, "Yes, we have received the report which says one person who sustained gunshot injuries died at a hospital. But since others too have suffered gunshot injuries, the casualty figure could possibly rise. I will inquire from the DPO of the area for an update."