

Bandits Kill 62 In Sokoto, Zamfara Villages

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Thirty seven persons were feared dead and several others injured in the attacks on Raka, Raka Dutse and Filingawa communities in Tangaza Local Government Area of Sokoto State.

This happened two days after President Bola Tinubu, in his maiden meeting with the service chiefs and heads of intelligence agencies at the Presidential Villa, Abuja, demanded a centralised coordination of security architecture and charged them to renew efforts towards ending insecurity.

The latest attacks on the three Sokoto villages, said to be carried out on Saturday evening, were seen as a setback to the relative peace in the state.

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Confirming the incident, the immediate past chairman of the local government, Bashar Kalenjeni, said 18 persons were killed at Raka, 17 at filingawa and two at Raka Dutse.

He said several villagers sustained gunshot injuries; while many others were still missing.

He said the assailants disrupted the burial initially planned for Saturday night.

“We wanted to bury them in the night, but the bandits came back and dispersed us. As at this (Sunday) morning, the deceased are still there unburied,” Kalenjeni said