

Earlier on Thursday, there was a report of a bandits' attack on worshippers in a mosque in Kankara where they killed three people and kidnapped many others.

A source added that the bandits penetrated further into Kankara town where they kidnapped a husband and wife, and that in the process killed the husband because he refused to allow them to take him away.

According to reports, on the same night, the bandits attacked the house of a vigilante named Sani, who was the head of the group in Tudun Boka neighbourhood in Kankara town, but that he managed to escape and they abducted his wife and son.

Similarly, a resident of 'Yargoje told our reporter that on Wednesday, bandits attacked their village, killed three people and injured three others.

However, both the governor and the commissioner of internal security said the recent attacks in the state were just attempts by the bandits to show that they were still around despite having been significantly subdued by the sustained efforts of the federal and state security agents.

"If you have observed, the attackers now come in a haste, shoot sporadically, kill some, kidnap some and run away all within a few minutes, unlike before that they come with specific targets due to the activities of informants and operate for several hours," the commissioner said.