

Bandits Kill 30 Farmers, Islamic Cleric In Zamfara

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And elsewhere in Plateau, two herders and over 200 cattle were killed.

Police Spokesman in Zamfara, ASP Yazid Abu Abubakar, confirmed the attacks on two local government areas of the state, but said details would be given later.

Sources told one of our correspondents that the incidents in Zamfara State happened on Thursday.

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An online platform, PR Nigeria, had reported that the attacks occurred in Maradun and Tsafe local government areas.

One of our sources said that Mallam Makwashi Maradun Mai Jan Baki, a renowned Islamic cleric and another person were killed in Maradun town.

Two of the cleric's children are still missing after the attack.

It was learnt that three other persons were killed by the bandits in Gidangoga village, while residents of the village killed 24 bandits and recovered eight of their motorbikes.

A resident of Maradun said: “We engaged the bandits very well. Attacks are becoming consistent in Maradun area these days. They happen almost every day. Many communities in the local government have been vacated for fear of reprisal.”