

Bandits kill 8 Zamfara community guards

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Bandits have killed eight personnel of the Zamfara State Community Guards (CPG), known as Askarawa, and a commercial driver in two separate attacks on Tsafe Local Government Area of the state.

The attacks occurred yesterday with the CPG personnel targeted at a checkpoint near Tsafe town.

It was gathered that the

bandits ambushed the CPG personnel around 8 am, killing eight of them.

Locals said the victims' bodies were taken to Tsafe General Hospital before being handed over to their families for burial according to Islamic rites.

Earlier this year, the same area was the scene of another attack where bandits killed six policemen.

In a separate attack, bandits clashed with soldiers at Unguwar Chida village, located near Magazu on the

Funtua-Gusau road.

A commercial driver was killed, and three soldiers were injured in the ensuing gunfight.

The bandits had ambushed the soldiers while they were on duty in the area.

"A commercial is said to have been killed by the bandits. We only found his lifeless body on the ground and his remains were handed over to his family in Tsafe town," a resident, who wished not to be named, said.

The Commander

General of the Zamfara CPG, General Lawal B. Muhammad (rtd), confirmed the incidents.

He explained that after noticing a pattern of attacks in Tsafe, 105 CPG personnel were deployed to protect travellers, but the bandits had laid an ambush.

He said the soldiers injured during the second attack were taken to Yariman Bakura General Hospital in Gusau for treatment, with one soldier sustaining serious injuries to his jaw.