

# Many killed as gunmen attack Katsina villages

• 2 policemen die in Borno Boko Haram's strike

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the Katsina State Community  
Watch Corps and residents  
from various villages on  
Tuesday.

Details of the attack emerged  
yesterday.

Witnesses told BBC that the  
victims were from Charanci,

Safana, Kurfi and Kaita local  
government areas of Katsina  
State.

Residents, who spoke to  
*Daily Trust*, last night, said the  
casualty figure was over 30.

The victims were said to be  
returning from a condolence

visit in Batsari when they were  
ambushed.

The attack occurred in Baure  
village known to be a stronghold  
of bandits.

Residents of Barebari village  
in Safana Local Government  
Area, who preferred not to be

mentioned, said more than 15  
persons died on the spot.

“Baure village is known as a  
bandits’ den where they have  
significant control. It was a  
market day, and they followed

**G**unmen reportedly  
killed many persons in  
attacks on members of

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people home, killing at least 15, based on the corpses we have seen so far. They burnt some bodies, and others are still missing. Initially, they didn't allow anyone to retrieve the corpses, but later relented," a local said.

Another resident said: "We managed to rescue over 20 people. The victims include people from Charanci, Burji, Jibiya, and Kaita. At least 25 people have been confirmed dead, while many others remain unaccounted for."

A resident, who said one of the victims was his nephew, said among the victims were vigilantes.

"Unknown to them (victims), bandits were already in the village. On sighting our people, the bandits took cover in people's houses and opened fire on our

people, killing more than 30 of them.

"My nephew was one of those killed and it was today (Thursday) that we were able to retrieve his corpse for burial because the bandits prevented the retrieval of the bodies two days after the incident," he said.

"The victims were members of a local vigilante group from different local governments, who went on a condolence visit to Madaddafai village over the death of one of their members. After the condolences, their leaders returned home, but the rest decided to proceed to the Baure village where they were ambushed by the bandits.

## Police confirm attack

The spokesman of the Katsina State Police

Command, Abubakar Sadiq Aliyu, confirmed the attack, but said: "We are still gathering information and will provide a detailed update soon."

## Boko Haram kills 2 policemen in Borno

Suspected Boko Haram terrorists yesterday attacked the Divisional Police Station at Gajiram, Nganzai Local Government Area of Borno State and killed two officers and injured another one.

The spokesman of the state police command, Kenneth Daso, confirmed the incident in a statement.

He said grenades were recovered during an assessment tour of the scene of attack in Nganzai by the Borno State Commissioner of Police, Yusufu Lawal.

He said the suspected Boko Haram terrorist attempted to invade the police division, but officers repelled them.

He said after series of gunfire exchanges, the terrorists threw hand-grenades that landed on a shelter tent behind the division and fatally wounded two officers.

"During the scene assessment by the Commissioner of Police, two hand-grenades were recovered by EOD - CBRN Base 13 Maiduguri, the bodies of the deceased have been taken to State General Hospital Maiduguri.

"The Commissioner of Police commended the gallant officers who stood on ground to prevent the attack and condoles with the families of the two officers who lost their lives," he stated.