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Six Killed, 59 Abducted As Bandits Invade Katsina Communities



Some of the kidnaped victims that were rescued during a joint operation in Kankara LGA of Katsina State, recently



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At least six people have reportedly been killed and about 59 others abducted in separate attacks across communities in Katsina State.

The most recent attack occurred around 10:30 p.m. on Sunday at Layin Gara village in Funtua Local Government Area (LGA), where two people were killed and 16 others kidnapped.

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A resident, who requested anonymity, told our reporter that the attackers operated for several hours without facing any resistance.

Earlier last Saturday, bandits struck Maikuma village in Dandume LGA, killing four people and abducting about 43 others.

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Daily Trust gathered that the attackers, armed with sophisticated weapons and riding motorcycles, stormed the community in large numbers.

“They moved from house to house for hours before retreating into the forest with their victims,” a source said.

Confirming the incident, the Chairman of Dandume LGA, Basiru Musa, said, “The bandits came in their numbers-over 100 of them.

“Their goal was to kill and abduct as many people as possible. They killed four and kidnapped around 43. However, some say the number is closer to 45 or even higher.

“When I received information about a potential attack, I contacted both the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) and the military unit in the area.

“They responded promptly, but security forces couldn’t go beyond their designated boundaries and had to pull back when the attackers fled into the forest.”

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The chairman lamented the persistent attacks and urged the government to intensify efforts to address the security crisis.

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