

17 feared killed in multiple bandits' attacks in Katsina

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At least 17 people were reportedly killed in multiple bandits' attacks in communities of Kankara Local Government Area of Katsina State.

The latest incident, which occurred on Thursday, involved a commercial vehicle which came under bandits' attack near Dan Marke village, along the Kankara-Marabar Kankara road while returning from a market.

A resident of the area told our correspondent that five people were killed on the spot, including

the driver, simply identified as Dan Mashi, while others who sustained gunshot injuries were receiving treatment at a Kankara hospital.

He added that two among the passengers were abducted, including the son of the deceased driver.

Also, earlier on Thursday morning, seven farmers were reportedly killed on their farms at Katsalle community near Mabai in the same Kankara Local Government Area.

A resident who confirmed the incident said that earlier in week, the bandits had also killed three

farmers as they vowed not to allow them cultivate this season.

"All these places were farms very close to the villages. We have for long forsaken our farms that are far away from our villages due to fear of attack. It is unfortunate that they now kill rather than just abducting people for ransom," he said.

In another incident, two people were reported killed at Unguwar Daudun Noma.

Daily Trust Saturday learnt that the major fear of the affected communities was their inability to access their farms. They lamented that prices of food items had gone to

roofs tops, and their farms are their only source of livelihood.

However, while chatting with members of the press on Wednesday as part of his one year anniversary in office, the Katsina State governor, Mallam Dikko Umar Radda, acknowledged the threat posed by terrorists, and promised that his government, in collaboration with security agencies, was taking measures to arrest the situation.

The spokesman of the Katsina State police command, ASP Abubakar Sadiq Aliyu, could not be reached for comments at the time of filing this report.