

Bandits Sack Niger Communities, Kill 4, Kidnap 9



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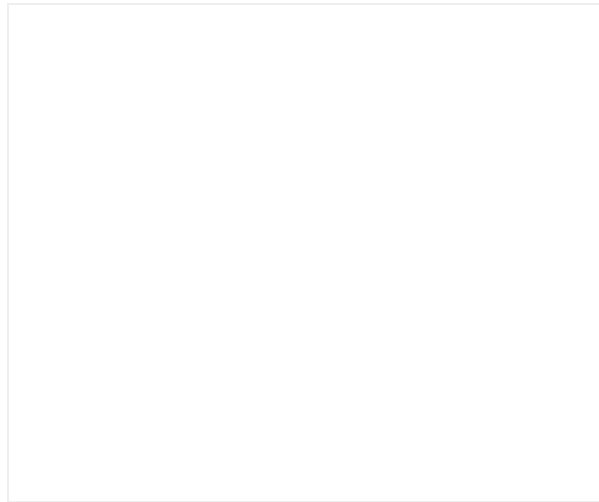


At least four people have been killed and nine others abducted following renewed bandit attacks on communities in Magama Local Government Area of Niger State, including Ibeto town.

A resident, who spoke on condition of anonymity for safety reasons, told our correspondent that four residents were killed, eleven sustained injuries, while nine others were kidnapped during the latest raid.



Among those abducted is Barrister Isyaku Muhammad Danjuma, who was reportedly kidnapped just hours after posting on Facebook to alert residents about the movement of bandits from Uccu towards Ibeto with a large herd of stolen cattle.



Sources believe his abduction may have been facilitated by informants who revealed his location to the attackers.

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Residents said the heavily armed bandits, who spent the night in Ibeto, went from house to house, shooting sporadically and abducting people.



Many farmers have since fled their homes as the assaults spread across other communities in Magama LGA.

The assailants also rustled dozens of cattle belonging to locals between Tuesday evening and Wednesday afternoon. In a video shared with our correspondent, the bandits were seen herding a large number of cattle out of Ibeto town.

Efforts to reach the Niger State Police Command spokesperson, SP Wasiu Abiodun, were unsuccessful as he neither took calls nor responded to messages sent to his phone.