

IN Katsina State, seven persons, including a police officer, lost their lives during an attack by bandits at Zandam village, in Jibia Local Council.

The incident, which reportedly occurred between 5.00p.m. and 6.00p.m. on Monday, left about six others with injuries. A security detachment that arrived the area during the attack reportedly shot three of the attackers dead.

A resident, Magaji Zandam, said the gunmen razed a healthcare centre and a police vehicle during the attack.

Also, the Southern Kaduna Peoples Union (SOKAPU) condemned the killing by suspected Fulani herders, while blaming the state government for not showing concern in the kidnap of 72 Adara indigenes.

The spokesman of SOKAPU, Luka Binniyat, stated yesterday: “The villagers described the assailants as armed Fulani herdsmen. In the past one week, Godogodo town and Golkofa village in Godogodo Chiefdom of Jema’a have witnessed similar cruelty with no apparent provocation.

“We demand that those behind these heinous crimes, which bear all the signs of genocide, be brought to justice.”