

# Bandits kill four, ransack Katsina community

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**S**USPECTED bandits reportedly killed four people and injured several others at Barawa community in Batagarawa Local Council Area of Katsina State.

The incident occurred Sunday night at about 9:00 p.m. and lasted till 10:30 p.m.

The attackers injured many residents, looted homes and rustled dozens of animals.

Sources said the assailants numbering about 100 stormed the community via motorcycles, wielding sophisticated weapons.

Barawa is located about 10 kilometres from the state

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One resident, Bello Musa, lamented shutdown of mobile telecommunication networks in the state, saying it stopped the victims from seeking help.

Police spokesman, Gambo Isah, was yet to respond to an inquiry as at press time.

**B**UT reacting to killings and kidnappings on the Abuja-Kaduna Road, the spokesman for Arewa Consultative Forum (ACF), Emmanuel Yawe, in a statement, yesterday, called on government to save innocent Nigerians from the night-

"On daily basis, Nigerians are being terrorised, kidnapped and killed without let on this road. This is a national shame and completely unacceptable to our Forum," the statement said.

**N**IGERIAN Army, however, promised that in no distant time, the war against insurgency, banditry and other criminal elements would soon be won.

Chief of Army Staff, Lt. General Faruk Yahaya, gave the assurance during a visit to Minna cantonment.

He said the military was

(TRADOC), even as he lauded the troops for steadfastness in dealing with criminals. He also stressed the need to assist the military with information to combat crime.

**T**HIS came as President Muhammadu Buhari denounced the activities of insurgents and bandits, which according to him, have led to widespread displacement of women and children.

He disclosed this, yesterday, during the opening of the 9th General Assembly of African First Ladies Peace Mission (AFLPM).

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In her acceptance speech, she pledged to execute her responsibility with total commitment and in accordance to AFLPM's regulations.

In a related development, Sokoto State Governor, Aminu Tambuwal, blamed weak leadership and ethnic prejudice as factors fuelling rising insecurity in the country.

He stated this in Abuja, yesterday, at the fourth Criminal Law Review Conference, organised by the Rule of Law Development Foundation.

Tambuwal added that to ensure a stable, secure and democratic society, Nigeria must put in place an efficient criminal justice system.