

Terrorists kill three, abduct 13 in Katsina

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Five Fulani killed, 19 missing in Plateau, says MACBAN

1 **T**HREE people have lost their lives and 13 others, including women and children, abducted by terrorists who attacked two communities in Katsina State.

It was at Dantsauni, Batagrawa Local Council that the deaths occurred and 13 kidnapped. At Natsinata, 13 others were abducted and moved to unknown destination.

The Dantsauni incident occurred on Wednesday about 11am, while that of Natsinta happened about 9:30pm of same day, into the wee hours of yesterday.

The Guardian gathered the terrorists also injured several people as they operated for about an hour at Dantsauni without resist-

ance from security agents or residents.

One of the victims, Abdulmalik Abba, was said to have left the state capital for his farm in the community, when the terrorists struck. He was killed along the two others.

At Natsinata, a source said that the terrorists first abducted 26 people but later released some, and left with four married women, two girls and seven men.

The source said the terrorists had left their motorcycles at Dutsin Lema, a community few kilometres away from Natsinata to carry out their operation.

Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), SP Gambo Isah, confirmed the Dantsauni incident, but said

that one person was killed while three sustained injuries.

He had yet to confirm the Natsinata incident at the time of this report.

2 **M**IYETTI Allah Cattle Breeders Association (MACBAN), Plateau State chapter, has declared that five of its members were killed and 19 others missing during an attack by bandits from Bauchi State.

The Chairman, Muhammad Abdullahi, told journalists, yesterday, that the bandits from the neighbouring state attacked the herders attending to their cows in Mangu Local Council of Plateau.

He stated that five were killed instantly and 19 others were missing after the

attack, adding that others escaped into the bush abandoning their cows.

Meanwhile, MACBAN in Plateau and Bauchi states, at the end of their meeting in Bauchi, yesterday, condemned the killings of the Fulani in both states.

In a statement after the meeting, Abdullahi and his Bauchi counterpart, Sadik Ibrahim, decried the continuous and unwarranted attacks on members of the Fulani community by terrorists from Bauchi.

They pointed out that the barbaric acts by the criminal gang happened in places like Langai, Unguwam Madaki, Chanso and Mungi villages of Plateau, adding that they kidnapped the herders and took them to the bush to slaughter.