

# Bandits kill four, abduct 45 in Katsina local council

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**B**ANDITS have killed four persons and abducted no fewer than 45 others at Maikuma Village in Dandume Local Council of Katsina State.

The incident, which occurred on Sunday night, saw the weapon-wielding hoodlums, in their numbers, attacking the settlement in

motorcycles.

The assailants were said to have operated for hours, moving from house to house, before retreating into the forest with their victims.

Spokesperson for the police command in the state, DSP Abubakar Aliyu, did not immediately respond to an inquiry on the incident.

But the council's Executive

Chairman, Basiru Musa, confirmed the incident.

He said: "The bandits came in their numbers. They were up to 100 or more. Their intention was to kill and abduct as many persons as possible.

"They killed four persons and abducted about 43 persons. But some are saying the number of those abducted is 45 or more."

"When I learnt the bandits were planning to attack the community, I called the DPO and head of the military unit in the area, and they responded accordingly.

"But the security operatives couldn't go beyond the boundary allowed, and they had to retreat after the bandits disappeared into the forest."

Musa, who lamented the incessant attack on communities in the area, called on the government to intensify efforts at tackling the security challenge.

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