

# Armed Bandits Attack Villages In Nasarawa

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Security agents in Nasarawa State have reportedly arrested some Fulani men suspected to be members of an armed robbery gang that has been terrorising motorists and citizens of Keana in the last three weeks.

*Daily Independent* reliably gathered that the suspects had earlier terrorised Doma town where they killed several people, including a policeman, before fleeing to Keana.

The gang, it was gathered, had shortly after fleeing Doma moved to Keana, taking refuge in some of the make-shift thatched houses from where they come out at nights to commit atrocities.

The gang, which was arrested with sophisticated weapons, caused fears among motorists to drive through the road that connects the town to other adjoining villages.

Efforts to confirm the report at the Keana Divisional Police Station proved unsuccessful, as none of the police officers on duty was ready to give out information. Efforts to ascertain whether some arrests were made also proved abortive.

When *Daily Independent* visited Keana to see the Chairman of Keana Local Government Council, Mr. Ahmed Alaga, for comments on the incident, an official said he had not been in town for over one week.

It was learnt, however, that there were speculations that he was in Lafia or Makurdi at the time the gang was terrorising the town.