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Gunmen sack villages, kill 26 in Zamfara

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Two villages in the Zurmi Local Government Area of Zamfara were attacked Friday and 26 people were killed in the attacks.

The attacks took place at around 12:00pm in Maitsaba and Birnin-Tsaba villages in Zurmi Local Government Area. In recalling the incidents, the chairman of Zurmi local government, Alhaji Abdullahi Mohammed Gurbini-Bore, told newsmen in Gusau, that the gunmen were dressed in Nigerian military uniforms and riding about 50 motorcycles. The gunmen encircled the agrarian villages and began shooting sporadically.

Along with the 26 people who were killed, 20 houses were burnt to the ground, with essential grains harvested by the locals destroyed.

Zurmi local government is about 100 kilometres from Gusau, the state capital, and home to the Inspector General of Police, M.D. Abubakar, and Minister of Defense, Aliyu Mohammed Gusau.

At press time, no group had claimed responsibility for the attacks.

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