

Again, Herdsmen Kill Six In Kaduna

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Alhaji Yusuf Usman

Gunmen suspected to be herdsmen have killed six people in Bakin Kogi, Kaninkon chiefdom in Jama'a Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

Auta Maurice, a member of the security committee in the community, said the people were killed in separate attacks between 10am and 11am on Thursday.

He said the gunmen, numbering about 10 wore army and police uniforms.

Maurice said three people were killed in the bush when they went to cut wood for the roofing of their houses while three others were killed at a local mining site.

"The attacks occurred in the bush. The first attack occurred at about 10am when some members of our community went to the bush to cut wood for roofing their houses," he said.

"All of a sudden, the herdsmen opened fire at them and three people were killed while others managed to escape. The second attack happened at about 11am at a local mining site. Three people were also killed there, while four others were injured.

"The herdsmen were dressed in army camouflage and mobile police uniforms."

Maurice said the distance between the village and the place where the other attack took place is about five kilometres.

"We reported the case to the soldiers maintaining security in our community and we went to the bush with them, but the bandits had fled by the time they reached there," he said.

However, the Administrator of the Council, Alhaji Yusuf Usman, said only three persons were killed following a clash at a mining site in Bakin Kogi village of Kaninkon Chiefdom in Jema'a Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

Usman said the three persons lost their lives during a shootout between illegal miners.

He said during the scuffle, four other persons sustained injuries and were being treated at the Kafanchan General hospital