

Bandits Kill 21 Persons, Burn Houses In Katsina Village Attack

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No fewer than 21 persons, including children and women, were killed at Tsauwa village

in Batsari Local Government Area of Katsina State when bandits riding on motorcycles attacked the area.

Several houses, food items and shops as well as motor-

cycles were burnt during the fresh invasion by the bandits as many other residents sustained gunshot wounds in the incident

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that lasted from 5p.m to 6p.m on Monday evening.

The member representing Batsari constituency at the state House of Assembly, Hon. Jabiru Yusuf Yau-yau, who confirmed the attack to *Daily Independent* said the hoodlums killed many people in the village, adding that the state Commissioner of Police, Sanusi Buba, and other top security officers had visited the scene.

Abdulkadir explained that hundreds of residents, mostly women and children, who survived the deadly invasion, had fled the village to Batsari, the headquarters of Batsari Local Government Area for fear of future occurrence.

According to him, "About 270 bandits riding on motorcycles attacked our village (Tsauwa) yesterday (Monday) and killed 21 people. Right now, we have 21 dead bodies and none of the bodies have been taken to cemetery and

those who survived the attack are moving to Batsari town.

"Last time, they killed 38 people and even few days ago they ambushed some people and killed nine. This is the third attack on Tsauwa village. The first one they killed 38 people, the second one they killed 11 people and yesterday (Monday) they killed 21. See their corpses here even the burial has not commenced", he added.

He said because of banditry and other nefarious activities afflicting farming communities in Batsari Local Government Area many farmers have left their villages for safer places and have invariably abandoned the farms.

He lamented that even those who farmed last year could not access their farm for harvest because bandits have taken over their farmland, saying that the farmers are in a serious food and financial crisis in the area.