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Less than 24 hours after failed attempt to abduct Alhaji Ahmed Garba Gunna Attahiru, the Emir of Kagara in Rafi Local Government Area of Niger, over thirty people lost their lives when bandits attacked Kachiwe in Sarkin-Pawa, the headquarters of

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Munya Local Government Area have sneaked into Kachiwe village of Niger State.

The gunmen, who were said to

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from their hideout Wednesday morning from the border villages between Niger and Kaduna to execute their evil plans also ransacked the adjoining villages.

Secretary to the Niger State Government (SSG), Alhaji Ahmed Ibrahim Matane, who confirmed the attack, however, could not give details of the exact number of casualties and the efforts being made to end the siege.

Also, the state Commissioner of Police, Mr. Monday Bala

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Kuryas, confirmed the attack, saying investigation has commenced with a view to tracking down the perpetrators.

"A team of policemen have been dispatched to the affected communities to safeguard their lives and property", Kuryas said as he solicited for the cooperation of Nigerites to provide the police with useful information that would lead to the arrest of the criminals.

On the attack on the Emir of Kagara's palace, the police

commissioner said three people were killed and efforts were being made to track the invaders.

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Similarly, bandits again on Wednesday launched fresh attack on Sokoto.

This is coming two days after they killed security operatives at a military formation in the state.

Eyewitnesses said a res-

ident was burnt alive while many policemen have not been accounted for in the attack which occurred in Sabon Birni Local Government Area of the state.

It was in Sabon Birnin that the bandits gunned down at least 17 security personnel earlier in the week.

It was gathered that 27 persons, including women and children, were abducted from Gatawa, a community in Sabon Birni.

Member representing Sabon Birni East constituency at the state House of Assembly, Sa'idu Ibrahim, said the bandits were now targeting security formations in the area.

"They are now looking for where security operatives are stationed because their morale was boosted by their recent attack on a military formation at Dama where many soldiers, policemen and civil defence officers were killed.

"So they are now attacking places where they know military, police or other paramili-

tary camped.

"They shot two persons, including a woman and burnt three others who hid in a grain store; one of them died instantly while the other two are receiving treatment in the hospital," he said.

According to the lawmaker, they invaded Gatawa because of the presence of *Operation Puff Ader* camp in the area.

"As I am talking to you now, many policemen are still missing. We don't know whether they were abducted or ran away," he said.