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Suspected Bandits Kill 16 Worshippers In Niger

Sixteen people who were performing their morning prayers in a mosque have been killed by suspected bandits in Ba'are village in Mashegu Local Government Area of Niger State.

It was learnt on Thursday that the incident occurred Wednesday morning.

The bandits stormed the village on motorcycles and headed for the mosque where they killed and injured the worshippers.

Ten others who were injured are currently receiving treatment in Kontagora General Hospital.

The Niger State Commis-

sioner of Police, Monday Bala Kuryas, confirmed the incident in a telephone interview.

He said nine people and not 16 died in the attack, adding that additional security personnel have been drafted to the area.

A similar incident occurred some months ago when bandits killed 18 worshippers in Maza Kuka village of Mashegu Local Government Council.

At least 30 passengers were burnt to death when gunmen suspected to be bandits set a bus ablaze on a road linking Sabon Birni Local Government Area and the village of Gidan Bawa in Sokoto State on Tuesday.