

## Bandits Kill 24 In Katsina Community

At least twenty-four persons were killed and several others were wounded in a fresh attack on Unguwar Sarkin Noma community in Sabuwa local government area of Katsina State on Thursday night.

Those killed were mostly vigilante members who reportedly came out to confront the bandits.

A local security official told Channels Television that during the attack which

lasted for about an hour, four villages were raided by the hoodlums in what he described as reprisals over military offensives on the bandits' hideouts.

He said the hoodlums stormed Unguwar Sarkin Noma, Gangara, Tafi, and Kore at about 9:00 pm shooting to scare residents.

The chairman of Sabuwa local government council, Faruq Dalhatu, on a telephone

call, said 23 of the victims were buried per the Islamic rites on Friday morning after the attack.

He added that the last victim was also conveyed for burial from the hospital after he was certified dead.

"Upon hearing of the bandits' mission to attack the local government council, we swung into action by informing virtually all the security agencies.

"They (security agencies) all responded to our distress call and availed themselves to the community. Before you know it, the Bandits raided the community and killed these people.

"Twenty-three people were buried from the beginning, in accordance with Islamic rites, and the last victim was conveyed from the hospital after he was certified dead," he added.