Bandits Kill 65, Abduct 160 In Katsina, Niger, Kogi

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Despite the gains recorded by Nigerian security forces in recent time, the purveyors of insecurity in parts of the North seem not deterred as bandits at the weekend struck in Kogi, Katsina and Niger states, killing 65 persons, including two undergraduates.

They also kidnapped 160 people and are demanding N10 million ransom for each of the abducted victims, totalling N1.6 billion.

The bandits first invaded several communities in Katsina State and killed 55 residents. They also burnt and destroyed houses and properties worth millions of naira.

In Kogi State, they killed two abducted students of Confluence University of Science and Technology (CUSTECH), Osara.

A credible source in the state said the bandits attacked three communities of Unguwar Lamidi, Unguwar Baro and Unguwar Kare in the Bakori local government area at about 2am on Saturday.

The bandits were believed to have killed 40 residents.

He said, "Already those killed have been buried according to Islamic injunctions."

When contacted on the matter, the chairman of Bakori local government area, Ali Mamman Maicitta, who attended the burial of the victims, said security agents were drafted to the scenes of the incidents and that the state government had been contacted on the matter.

He prayed to Allah to forgive the sins of those killed and give their family the fortitude to bear the losses.