In a related development, another gang of bandits attacked a village called Yar-Taba in Kankara local government area of the state.

The hoodlums reportedly killed about 15 persons, mostly women and children.

A source in the area told LEADERSHIP yesterday afternoon that "on Saturday the bandits attacked Yar-Taba community, shooting people indiscriminately. About 15 people were killed in that attack, most of them were women and children. Their corpses were brought yesterday for burial in Kankara town.

"The bandits are saying we will not go to the farm this year, which, according to them, is the reason why they have been on the rampage in our community."

When contacted, the Katsina State police command's public relations officer (PPRO), Sadiq Abubakar, confirmed the incidents, saying he would soon speak in that regard.