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## Armed bandits kill five persons in Niger communities

**A**RMED bandits have killed five persons during an attack on 17 communities in Rafi and Shiroro local government areas of Niger State.

From Justina Asishana,  
Minna

(NSEMA) broke the news to The Nation yesterday in Minna, the state capital.

The agency's spokesman Ibrahim Audu said the attack occurred last Thursday night.

He said about 3,500 were displaced, adding that the displaced persons were camped

at Kagara Central Primary School and Pandogari Primary School.

The agency spokesman said the state government had provided some palliatives in the form of food items and sleeping materials.

He added that materials would be distributed to the affected persons within the week.

Speaking to The Nation on the development, Audu said: "Nsema has activated the temporary camps with profiling of the affected persons and health personnel have been deployed to the two camps.

"The state government has directed provision of all requirements for camp operation."

Thirty-five others suspected to have been abducted have been declared missing by the communities.

The Niger State Emergency Management Agency