

Lawyers to the appellant, February 27.

59 bandits killed as villagers, armed men clash in Zamfara

•Seven residents killed

From Sani Muh'd Sani, Gusau

OVER 180 suspected bandits, on Tuesday, stormed Dan Jibga town in Tsafe Local Government Area and killed seven residents.

Fifty-nine members of the bandits were killed by the residents.

The clash reportedly lasted four hours.

The villagers were said to be preparing to repel another attack by the bandits yesterday.

Three vehicles conveying military personnel arrived the scene yesterday.

Acting Force Information Officer, Major Clement K. Abiade, said he was aware of the incident and that the military was gathering information on the clash.

He promised to address reporters after collating sufficient information on the incident from force headquarters.

A villager, who identified himself as Chairman Malaha, said he sustained gunshot wounds from the bandits.

He said the residents formed a resistance group to repel the bandits.

It was learnt that over 100 villagers from the same area were abducted while an unspecified others were killed.

Danjibga is a village with flourishing businesses and affluent people.

Its market day enjoys good patronage more than many others in the area.

Recently, 15 women were abducted during a marriage ceremony when the bandits disguised as women attending the ceremony.