

Bandits kill seven, kidnap one in fresh attacks on Kaduna villages

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Not less than seven persons have been reported killed by gunmen suspected to be kidnappers in three communities of Chikun Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

Saturday Nation gathered that, the armed bandits who spent several hours terrorizing the communities abducted one person and left five others seriously injured.

A source from the community said the injured victims of the attack have been taken to Sabon Tasha General Hospital, Kaduna.

President of Gbagyi Development Union (GDU), Peter Aboki who narrated the incident to newsmen on Friday, said the attack started in the early hours of Thursday till about 4:00pm.

According to him, the bandits operated freely and unchallenged, as they went from one village to another.

He said the affected villages are Akwunakwo, Kabirasha and Damba.

Speaking in a telephone interview on Friday, Aboki said two people were killed in Akwunakwo where the attack started in the early hours of Thursday.

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“The attack started in Akwunakwo in the early hours of Thursday, two people were killed. The herdsmen then moved to the neighbouring Kabirasha village.

“I have not received information about any casualty there, except the abduction of a deaf and dumb person by the invaders.

“This is because by the time the gunmen got there, the villagers had fled following news of the attack on Kwunakwo.

“Damba village was attacked at about 4:00pm and five people were killed. We suspect that the attack was by the same people” he said.

Aboki said the bandits burnt houses, food stuffs and vehicles during the attacks on the villages.

He said communities along that axis are becoming a no go area as a result of the deadly activities of bandits.

“We know that government is doing its best to address the security situation, but we want government to do more because people are being killed or abducted almost on a daily basis.

“Those areas are becoming a no go area as a result of the deadly activities of bandits and we want government to do everything possible to stop these frequent loss of lives and destruction of property.” Aboki said.

Meanwhile, Kaduna Police Command’s PPRO, ASP Mohammed Jalige, could not be reached for confirmation of the incident, as he did not respond to telephone calls put across to him.