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20 feared killed in fresh attack on Kaduna villages

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No fewer than 20 people were reportedly killed by gunmen following an attack on Chibuak and Kigudu II communities in Kauru Local Government Area, Kaduna State.

The two villages were said to have been attacked consecutively on Thursday and Friday at midnight, while some of the villagers are said to be missing.

Bandits were said to have launched yet another attack on Saturday in Kigudu II where the villagers were preparing for a mass burial for some of the victims who are Catholics.

The bandits were however repelled by security agents and the burial was quickly done without the usual rites.

The Parish Priest of Damakasuwa Outstation, Rev. Fr. Aaron Tanko, who oversees the two communities, confirmed to newsmen that 20 people were killed while some others were still missing.

He said in Chibuak village, nine people were killed while 11 were killed in Kigudu II.

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According to him, "the attacks took place on Thursday and Friday at midnight.

"Chibuak was attacked on Thursday and nine people were killed. They attacked Kigudu II on Friday night and killed 11 people.

"Some people are still missing so I cannot conclusively say this is the casualty figure. [close](#)

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"Some of those killed are my parishioners others are Protestants.

"We were preparing for the mass burial for our Parishioners this morning (Saturday) in Kigudu II but we could not do it when some herdsmen came to attack us also, but they were repelled by the security personnel.

"Nobody was killed or injured.

"We couldn't even conduct proper mass burial. We just offered simple prayers and they were buried.

"Many of our villagers are at the mercy of herdsmen. They are always well armed and they invade our communities and kill people at will.

"There are villages where people cannot even go to their farms for fear of being killed by herdsmen.

"We appeal to government to address these incessant attacks on our communities and killings by herdsmen."

The Police Public Relations Officer for the Kaduna State Police Command PPRO, ASP Mohammad Jalige, said he would get information concerning the incidents and get back to reporters.