

15 killed by bandits in Niger

•Police battle gunmen in Katsina

POLICE in Niger State have confirmed that 15 persons were killed by suspected bandits in a village in Mariga council area of Niger State.

Five other persons were reported injured as the attacked Ukuru village in broad daylight.

The gunmen rode into the

From Justina Asishana, Minna, and Augustine Okezie, Katsina

community on motorcycles about 3.30pm on Wednesday and opened fire on the villagers in sight.

Sources told *The Nation* that most of the people killed were sitting at an open tea café popularly called 'Mai

Shayi'.

Police spokesman Abiodun Wasiu said the bandits also rustled several cattle.

In Katsina, police yesterday said they killed two bandits in a shootout.

Two kidnapped victims were rescued while seven motorcycles were recovered, it was said.

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