In Dukku, another community in the council area, 17 vigilante members were killed by bandits, who abducted 20 persons in the community.

In the attack on Kagara, gunshots could be heard from a distance which caused motorists plying the Minna-Kontagora Road to keep away.

According to sources, the gunmen stormed the town at about 4:00 pm shooting into the air and moved from shop to shop dispossessing the people of their belongings.

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The bandits also stormed a first generation bank in the town.

Initial reports indicated that the criminals forced their way into the bank as the bank staff were preparing to close for the day, killing a policeman and a bank security personnel at the bank premises before moving into the bank to cart away the unspecified sum of money.

But the police chief said the assailants were prevented from entering the bank.

Usman did say three other persons were also killed by the bandits.

The attacks triggered protests by youths, who said government had failed to protect them.

Governor Abubakar Sani Bello called for calm, assuring the youths that adequate resources were being deployed to ensure their safety.