

Terrorists kill six residents, abduct many motorists in Zamfara attacks

SIX people were killed while one person was injured when terrorists attacked a Zamfara community on Tuesday night, residents said.

The attack took place in Nahuce, Bungudu Local Government Area of Zamfara State.

The attack occurred a day after another gang of terrorists abducted an unknown number of motorists on the Gusau-Sokoto federal highway.

In the Nahuce attack, it was gathered that terrorists invaded the community some minutes to 11p.m. and began shooting indiscriminately.

"The attackers faced resistance from security agents in the town but six of our people lost their lives during the attack," Abdulhadi Rabi, a resident of Nahuce told this newspaper on Wednesday.

"If not for the security agents and vigilante group members, the number of casualties would have been more than that."

The resident said the terrorists separated themselves into different areas of the town which made it difficult for security agents to arrest or kill any of them.

He, however, said the exchange of fire between them and security agents stopped them from killing or abducting more people.

"We've not heard of any case of abduction. Six people lost their lives while one person was injured. He is now at the hospital. The security agents did well because, in the end, the terrorists had to retreat," Mr Rabi said.

On Monday evening around 7:40 p.m., terrorists blocked the Gusau-Sokoto highway and abducted several motorists going to Gusau.

The attack occurred around Kwanar Sado, a few kilometres from Talata Mafara town.

Rabiatu Shehu, who narrowly escaped the attack, said that passengers from three vehicles were abducted by the terrorists.

"We were driving towards Gusau when suddenly a driver coming from Gusau waved and shouted at our driver to return. But we didn't understand what he meant so we continued moving until when another vehicle also from the Gusau side alerted us to stop.

"We stopped there with other vehicles until a military vehicle came from Mafara and cleared the road but the passengers had already been taken. We waited for some minutes before continuing the journey. When we got to the spot, we saw three vehicles with all their doors opened," Ms Shehu said.