

No fewer than 13 vigilantes in Mariga local government area of Niger state were killed by terrorists when they tried to invade the community on Thursday morning.

This is just as the terrorists also abducted commuters from five vehicles when they blocked the Minna-Kontagora road on Thursday afternoon. The number of people abducted is currently unknown.

The Nation learnt that since the rebuttal issued by the Nigeria Army over the occupancy of the military training camp in Kontagora, the bandits have come out in full rampage and have been unleashing terror on the people.

It may be recalled that last Wednesday evening, a military officer was abducted in his farm while nine other farmers were abducted with three of them killed.

In a related development, the Speaker of the Niger State

Terrorists kill 13 vigilantes, abduct several commuters

• Stop living in denial, Niger Speaker tells Nigeria Army

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House of Assembly, Honorable Abdulmalik Sarkindaji have told the Nigerian Army to stop living in denial over the presence of bandits in its training ground in Kontagora saying that evidence on ground have revealed that the bandits are currently occupying parts of the military training camp.

Sarkindaji who represents Mariga Constituency where most of these attacks have taken place in the past three days disclosed that over 20 people were abducted during the blockage of the Minna-Kontagora road by the bandits.

He said that the blockage of

the road occurred between Baban-Lamba and Beri, adding that families of some victims who were previously kidnapped had disclosed that they had taken ransom to bandits several times in the forest which was part of the military training camp.

The Speaker also said the passengers that were kidnapped on Thursday during the blockage of the road were also moved to the same forest which was part of the military training camp.

He called on the Nigeria Army to act fast in flushing out the bandits from the forest instead of dismissing and refuting the complaints and observations of the people.

"As members representing our people, we get feedback from our constituents of their plights. So, before we present anything on the floor of the House, we have done our investigation very well.

"It is not as if we are under-rating the military capacity to fight bandits and terrorists but it is not right to just dismiss the complaints of our people. We want the federal government and concerned authorities to know their plights.

"The communities said the military training camp had become a safe haven for bandits who always come out of that forest to attack them, kidnap people and take them to the same forest.

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