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Villagers fleeing Lakurawa terrorists drown in Sokoto boat accident



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- ***Village head, subject assassinated***

Hordes of villagers fleeing Lakurawa terrorists' attack have reportedly died in a boat mishap in Sabon Birni Local Government Area of **Sokoto State**.

The fatality figure was not available at press time but an eyewitness said the victims were anxious villagers who opted for the waterways to escape from the rampaging bandits.

"Unfortunately, their overloaded boat capsized midway, leaving them helpless in the river," the eyewitness said.





The Sokoto State Police Command yesterday confirmed the incident, saying that search and rescue operations were ongoing to recover the bodies of victims still missing.

Armed bandits suspected to be members of the Lakurawa insurgents had earlier attacked Sayinna community in Tangaza Local Government Area of the state.

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The village head and a resident were killed in the attack.

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The victims, identified as Alhaji Murtala Sa'adu, 47, the village head of Sayinna, and his neighbour, Malam Ibrahim Mai-Kudi, were brutally gunned down around 1:30 a.m. on Thursday when the attackers stormed the village.

Special Adviser to the Chairman of Tangaza Local Government Council, Alhaji Garzali Raccah, said the bandits struck with precision, targeting the village head for his involvement and support of vigilante groups battling

insecurity in the area.

“They opened fire sporadically, leaving the community in fear and confusion. Sadly, our village head and one other resident lost their lives in this cowardly attack,” Raccah lamented.

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According to him, the Lakurawa insurgents have consistently threatened residents against joining or supporting vigilante groups, seeing them as a direct threat to their reign of terror. The assassination of the Sayinna village head, he explained, was a deliberate attempt to weaken community resistance.