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# Bandits kill five worshippers, abduct others in Zamfara mosque attack



Armed bandits stormed a mosque in Yandoto community, Tsafe Local Government Area of **Zamfara State** yesterday morning, killing no fewer than five worshippers and abducting many others.

According to Zagazola Makama, a counter-insurgency publication, the attackers opened fire during prayers, killing five people instantly before whisking away an unspecified number into the forest.

The killings triggered panic across the community, with residents later gathering to pray for the victims.

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“We pray Allah to forgive their shortcomings, accept them as martyrs, and bring an end to this bloodshed in our land,” a community elder was quoted as saying.

The assault occurred less than a week after gunmen abducted 40 worshippers during dawn prayers at a mosque in Gidan Turbe village, also in Tsafe LGA.

Witnesses said the attackers surrounded the mosque around 5:30 a.m., forcing worshippers out at gunpoint before marching them into the forest near the Gohori axis.