

Banditry: Night attack left many dead in Katsina villages

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NIGHT attack by bandits left many dead, with women and a dozen children also kidnapped in Katsina villages.

The bandits, who were said to be about 100 in number, first struck at Zango village in Kankara Local Government Area of Katsina State on Sunday night.

Many houses, vehicles and

shops were said to have been set ablaze and a number of animals were also rustled.

Residents of the area said the bandits, on motorcycles, shot sporadically when they attacked the village about 10.00 p.m.

About 14 people, mostly women and children, were said to be missing.

One farmer who preferred anonymity, said "we have vigilantes, but we were taken by surprise, because they stormed the village at night,"

The bandits also reportedly attacked neighbourhood of Dan-girma village in the same local government, destroying many shops and stealing foodstuffs.

The police are yet to issue statement on the incident.

When contacted, the Public Relations Officer of the state command, Gambo Isa, said: "I am waiting to be briefed by the divisional police officer of the area and will get back to you as soon as possible."

NAF loses two personnel to gun