



# Bandits kill 6, 20 others injured in another attack on Niger communities

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GUNMEN have killed six persons, abducted five persons, while over 20 others sustained varying degrees of injuries in yet another attack on 12 villages in Paikoro Local Government Area of Niger State.

Nigerian Tribune investigation gathered that the bandits carried out the attacks on the villages in the early hours of Saturday and continued till Sunday afternoon.

A resident of one of the villages attacked, Abubakar Azaido, said in a telephone

interview with the *Nigerian Tribune* that over over 20 injured people have been taken for medical treatment at the General Hospital in Kaffin Koro, adding that no fewer than 3,000 villagers have also been displaced.

He said: "The bandits came in large number of over 200 and they invaded the villages on their operational motorcycles. They carted away all the spare parts in the shop of a motorcycle spare parts dealer in Amale village."

The source stated further that while four persons were killed in Gwajau village, two

others were hacked to death in Amale village, stressing that "four persons have been kidnapped from Dakolo and one pastor from Nani village."

He enumerated the communities attacked by the fleeing bandits to include Amale, Beni, Barakwai, Kankuri, Gudani, Abolo, Nani, Gwajau, Kubi, Zakolo, Kado and Dakolo.

"The attack began Saturday night and as of Sunday afternoon, our people had deserted the villages for fear of being attacked. And over 3,000 people have been displaced.

"As I speak to you, I am in the General Hospital in Kaffin Koro, where we have rushed over 20 people who were injured for medical attention at the intensive care unit of the hospital," he said.

*Nigerian Tribune* also gathered that over 200 cows have been rustled by the bandits heading towards the border villages of Niger and Kaduna states.

Meanwhile, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Niger State police command, Abiodun Wasiu, could not be reached for comments as of the time of filing this report.