

# 10 killed in fresh bandits attack on Sokoto village

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NO fewer than 10 people were killed in another attack by bandits on Tara village in Sabon Birni Local Government Area of Sokoto State, the police have confirmed.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Sanusi Abubakar, told Saturday Tribune on Friday that about three persons were critically injured in the attack and they were currently receiving medical attention at the orthopaedic hospital in Wamakko.

Abubakar said the state Commissioner of Police, Kamaldeen Okunlola, who was in the village on Friday, gave the assurance that

more security personnel would be drafted to the local government and indeed the state to improve security there.

He disclosed that the commissioner also promised the people of Sabon Birni and its environs more security presence in the areas.

Meanwhile, the village head of Tara where the attack took place, Mainasara Muhammed Tara, who narrated the incident, said the bandits carted away unspecified number of livestock after burning down their food storage facilities.

"They came around 11.58 p.m. through an unusual rout into the village because our men and youths

were guiding all the major entrances.

"We have not been sleeping in the night because of the incessant attacks on our village.

"We divided ourselves into groups and each group was guiding one of the major entrances into the village.

"So, they sneaked into the village through the eastern axis, and opened fire on members of the group that were stationed in that area, killing two of them.

"They then proceeded into the town, killing people at sight.

"We just buried 13 bodies, including a six-year old-girl. Seven people who were critically injured have

been taken to the nearest hospital for treatment," Muhammed Tara said

He lamented that the joint security task force which was alerted earlier did nothing to protect them.

The village head noted that this was the second time in two months that the village was attacked, recalling that they lost about 200 livestock to the previous attack.

Asked if they would remain in the village after the attack, he said: "We don't have anywhere to go that is more secure.

"We can't abandon our village because of this attack. Already, we have lost virtually everything: our grains, livestock and wealth."