

## Angry residents kill 30 bandits in Katsina

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ANGRY residents, with the support of vigilant groups, have killed at least 30 bandits at Majifa village of Kankara Local Government Area of Katsina State.

A resident of the area, Yunusa Kankara, said in an in-

terview on Thursday that bandits had stormed the village on Monday to attack villagers.

According to him, "residents of the village got intelligence reports that the bandits were coming to the village.

"So the villagers ambushed the bandits and killed 30 of them, while others fled with wounds."

He, however, said when they woke up in the morning, all the dead bodies were nowhere to be found.

In the cause of investigation, he said some people in the neighbouring village disclosed that they saw some men on camels in the middle of the night coming out of the village.

"Our thoughts are that the bandits might have come back to evacuate the dead bodies," he said.

When contacted, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), SP Isah Gambo, could not confirm the incident, adding that the police had not received such report.

However, he said the com-

mand had deployed police and that other security agencies to the area to ensure the safety of residents.

Three weeks ago, villagers in some local government areas had to confront bandits on more than two occasions.

For instance, residents of Magama in Jibia Local Government confronted bandits

who had come to kidnap some villagers, and in the process, three bandits were killed.

Again, at YanMarafa and Mununu villages of Faskari Local Government Area, residents, it was gathered, engaged bandits and as a result, many of the bandits were killed too.