

Bandits kill 11, abduct 40 in Zamfara

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BANDITS have attacked Randa village in Dansadau Emirate of Maru Local Government Area of Zamfara State, killing 11 people and abducting over 40 others.

The abducted are mostly women, nursing mothers and children.

An eyewitness from Dansadau town told **Channels Television** that the bandits stormed the village in their large numbers on Tuesday night at about 11:00 p.m. and shot sporadically, forcing residents to scamper for safety.

Seven of those killed were said to have been burnt when the house in which they were hiding was set ablaze, while four others were shot dead.

According to the eyewitness, the local vigilante, known as 'Yansakai,' confronted the bandits in a gun duel, but the bandits overpowered them.

The latest attack came few days after bandits kidnapped 20 people, comprising 15 students, four staffers and a driver at the College of Agriculture and Animal Sciences, Bakura.

During the attack on Sunday, two guards and a police officer were killed.

Police authorities in the state are, however, yet to confirm the incident as the Public Relations Officer, SP Mohammed Shehu, said an investigation would be carried out.