# Eight killed, four abducted as bandits attack Tangaza in Sokoto

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NO fewer than eight people including six bandits who attacked Tangaza community have been reported killed by the local vigilante in the attack.

The bandits had earlier attacked the community killing two and injured three other people, who are currently receiving treatment in the hospital while foodstuffs, drinks among others were reportedly carted away in the process.

A source in the town who spoke with our correspondent on telephone said the suspected bandits launched the attacks after evening (Magrib) prayers on Friday and began to shoot sporadically killing a shop owner on the spot and a young girl who later died in hospital.

He further said the timely intervention of security agencies alongside local vigilante helped in rescuing one of the abductees while the gunmen escaped with four others.

"They attacked shops along the road, killing one of the shop owners in the process and make away with foodstuffs, drinks among other valuables in the shops.

"They also kidnapped not less than five young children while one of them was rescued by security guys who gave them a pursuit into the bush," he added.

Confirming the incident, the Police Public Relations Officer of the Sokoto State command, ASP Abubakar Sanusi, said that the local vigilante on Saturday mobilized themselves and followed the bandits to their hideout where six of them were killed while others escaped.

He lauded the timely intervention of security agencies alongside local vigilante who were able to rescue one of the abductee while bandits escape with four others in the process.

It is recalled that the current military operations in Zamfara State as well as the closure of major markets in some states in the Northwest is reportedly having a negative effects on the bandits.

The bandits are now regrouping around towns bordering Zamfara and Sokoto States for their nefarious activities against innocent people.

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