

Shafa'atu, woman who lost 4 children to terrorists' attack in Sokoto, dies

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HAJIA Shafa'atu, one of the few survivors of the bandits' attack in Sabon Birni Local Government Area of Sokoto State on Monday has reportedly died at Usmanu Danfodiyo Teaching Hospital in the state capital.

Shafa'atu, before her death at the hospital on Friday had sustained serious injury during an attack where some terrorists set the bus conveying her and several others on fire.

Speaking before she died, the woman had said that four of her children, including a 10 months old baby

died during the attack.

She added that her mother, maternal uncle, nephew as well as her niece also died during the attack.

She further explained that in an attempt to stop the vehicle and carry out their nefarious act, the bandits shot sporadically until the vehicle's driver lost control, making the vehicle to summersault.

"We took off from Sabon Birni on our way to Kaduna with majority of the passengers going to the Southern part of the country.

"Most of us were actually leaving that area due to the persistent bandits' attack in the Eastern part of Sokoto

State for safety in the South.

"Not long after taking off, we ran into these terrorists, who started shooting at us until the vehicle began to summersault before it caught fire.

"The fire incidence was the major cause of much casualty as many of us were trapped in the bus with no means of escape, which led to their deaths including all my children," she had explained to our correspondent before her death.

A source confirmed to Sunday Tribune that the late widow had since been buried according to Islamic rites.