

Bandits kill six, injure many, hoist flag in Plateau community

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SIX persons have been killed in Wase Local Government Area of Plateau State by gunmen suspected to be bandits, who also hoisted their flag in the affected community after the midnight raid on Thursday.

Nigerian Tribune learnt that the bandits, in large numbers, rode on motorcycles into Pinua village in the local government area in the early hours of Thursday and went on a shooting spree, in which six persons were killed, while several others sustained gunshot

wounds.

A source, who escaped the attack, informed the *Nigerian Tribune* that the bandits carted away foodstuff, motorcycles and other valuable items from the community, adding that they equally hoisted their flag in the community after the attack.

The source said: "Before

the arrival of the bandits, residents of the community who had got wind of the attack, had fled.

"When the bandits finally arrived, those who could not run were told to lock themselves up in their houses and were eventually shot.

"They [bandits] broke into shops and stole food items

and other properties. They also kidnapped some people."

The incident is coming five days after residents of the community raised the alarm following the withdrawal of soldiers from the area.

The withdrawal of the security operatives forced residents to flee their homes to

Wase town, headquarters of the council area.

Spokesperson for Operation Safe Haven (OPSH), a multi-security Task force maintaining peace in the state, Major Ishaku Takwa, when contacted on the development, told newsmen that troops had been sent to the area.