

# 1 Bandits kill 25 farmers, abduct many others in Niger

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2 **G**UNMEN suspected to be bandits have reportedly killed about 25 farmers and abducted many others following renewed attacks on

various communities in Rafi Local Government Area of Niger State.

The attacks were said to have occurred at about 2:00p.m on Saturday in about five communities in the council area.

3 The latest attack occurred

just a day after gunmen killed about 13 vigilantes and abducted many in Kusharki village.

Confirming the development, a community leader in one of the villages who pleaded for anonymity for security reasons, said the gun-

men in their numbers have resumed attacks on some communities in the council area, just as he called on government and security agencies to come to their aid.

The source said the communities had been under the siege of bandits in the last two

weeks.

Also confirming the attacks, the senator representing Niger East in the National Assembly, Senator Mohammed Sani Musa, expressed concern over renewed attacks in four council areas of Rafi, Paikoro, Munya and Shiroro.

While reacting to the development, the state Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Wasiu Abiodun, said police and military personnel had already been dispatched to Yakila, Tegna, Kagara, Pandogari, Kusherki and other villages to restore normalcy.