

# Bandits kill village head, kidnap scores in Niger

SUSPECTED bandits have killed one, Malam Usman Sarki, the village head of Zazzaga in Munya Local Government Area of Niger State, the *News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)* has reported.

A community leader who pleaded anonymity told newsmen in Munya that the bandits launched the attack on Zazzaga and adjoining communities on Tuesday night.

The source said an unspecified number of farmers, including women, were also kidnapped.

According to the source,

"the attack was launched on Tuesday night. They [gunmen] shot the village head of Zazzaga, Malam Usman Sarki dead and kidnapped many others.

"For now, we cannot give the exact number of people they took away. They also rustled many cattle, goats and sheep."

When contacted, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Wasiu Abiodun, confirmed the incident.

Abiodun, however, said he was yet to get the full details of the attack

10 suspected for hunting