

Nine killed as bandits attack Katsina village during *Maulud* celebration

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Katsina with agency report

NINE persons have been confirmed killed and many injured after bandits in large numbers stormed a Maulud celebration venue at Kusa village in Musawa Local

Government Area of Katsina State.

According to a source in Musawa town, the incident occurred at about 11:00p.m.

The source further added that the bandits surrounded the Maulud venue and shot sporadically.

The bandits also whisked

away an unknown number of people.

The source added that following the attack, many residents of the village, on Monday, began packing their belongings and leaving.

According to the **News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)**, the attack was confirmed by the state Police Public Rela-

tions Officer (PPRO), Abubakar Sadiq Aliyu.

Aliyu said nine persons were killed, while 16 others sustained varying degrees of injury.

He said: "On November 5, at about 10:30p.m, suspected bandits in their numbers, wielding dangerous weapons such as AK-47

rifles and shooting sporadically, attacked the Maulud procession.

"Upon receipt of the report, operatives were mobilised and they succeeded in repelling the attack.

"Seven people were shot dead at the scene and 18 others sustained gunshot wounds and were evacu-

ated to the General Hospital, Musawa for medical attention."

He said two of the 18 injured persons were later confirmed dead by a medical doctor while receiving treatment at the hospital.

Sadiq-Aliyu said the police had intensified efforts to arrest the perpetrators