

Bandits kill two policemen, two others in Zamfara, abduct 40

BANDITS have killed two policemen and two other persons following an attack on Kasuwa-Daji town in Kaura-Namoda Local Government Area of Zamfara State.

During the attack, the bandits also abducted 40 people.

Residents said the bandits

invaded the town in the early hours of Tuesday and shot indiscriminately to scare residents.

A resident of Kaura-Namoda town, Abubakar Kaura, told *Channels Television* that the bandits invaded the town bearing sophisticated weapons, including anti-aircraft gun.

He said the bandits attacked

the home of a former state chairman of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW), Hamisu Kasuwar-Daji, and abducted one of his wives and grandchildren.

According to Kaura, the house of the former NURTW chief is close to a police station and the bandits attacked the station, disarmed the

policemen on duty and killed two.

Another resident of Kasuwa-Daji who pleaded anonymity for security reasons said the bandits also killed two residents of the town during the attack.

He confirmed that about 40 people were abducted during the bandits' house-to-house

raid.

"Two residents were also killed, not only policemen. As of now, about 40 people have been whisked away by the bandits," he said.

Although spokesperson for the Zamfara State police command, Yazid Abubakar, confirmed the attack to *Channels Television* on the phone, he

did not indicate the number of persons abducted.

"Yes, there was an attack in Kasuwar-Daji in the early hours of today [Tuesday]," he said. "We are yet to confirm the number of residents abducted, but the commissioner of police has deployed additional troops to restore normalcy in the town."