

Lakurawa kills 16 vigilantes in Kebbi

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GUNMEN believed to be Lakurawa terrorists, on Sunday night, invaded Morai village in Augie Local Government Area of Kebbi State, killing 16 vigilante members providing security in the vil-

lage.

A resident of the community, who identified himself as Alhaji Augie, said the vigilante members took cover under shrubs when they got wind of the invasion of the terrorists.

Following their arrival in the village, the terrorists had rustled some cattle and the vigilante members swiftly moved

against them.

"Unfortunately, the vigilante members did not know that the terrorists had encircled them, and in their bid to arrest the terrorists and confiscate the rustled cattle, the terrorists responded, killing the 16 vigilantes.

"The village where the attack occurred is just three kilometres away from our vil-

lage," Alhaji Augie said.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), CSP Nafiu Abubakar, confirmed the incident in a press statement made available to newsmen, on Monday.

Abubakar said the commissioner of police in the state had directed immediate deployment of tactical police unit in the area.