

Three killed as bandits attack Sokoto community

THE Sokoto State Command of the Nigerian Police Force has confirmed a Friday night attack on Baraya community in Gwadabawa Local Government Area, which resulted in the deaths of three individuals.

Speaking with our correspondent, the Command's spokesman, DSP Ahmed Rufai, stated that the bandits stormed the community, located along Illela, and launched an attack on residents, killing three in the

process.

"They attack the community on Friday night and in the process killed three people.

"They also rustled many animals belonging to the people in the process according to the report made available to us.

"We immediately mobilised our men from Salame division of the Nigerian Police and our people are currently in the bush chasing the bandits," he said.

DSP Rufai assured that the command is doing everything within its power to restore peace across the state.

A team of security operatives was swiftly deployed to the scene and engaged the bandits in a gun battle, forcing them to retreat without managing to rustle any livestock, sources said.

Meanwhile, a resident of the community who spoke on the incident confirmed that security operatives

were promptly alerted to prevent further casualties.

He said, "Despite the quick response, some of the injured victims later died. The victims succumbed to their injuries and were confirmed dead on arrival at the hospital."

"Troops recovered some items from the scene of the attack.

"Three empty shells of AK-47 ammunition were recovered at the scene," he added.