

# Bandits sack three Bauchi villages, kill 15, injure many, rustle cattle

## CP visits scene, orders full-scale investigation

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**G**UNMEN suspected to be bandits have attacked three villages in Gwana district of Alkaleri Local Government Area of Bauchi State, killing and injuring residents.

members of the local vigilante groups from Gwana and Duguri districts, who were operating jointly in the areas to safeguard the people who have been under constant attacks by the bandits operating in the forests sharing boundaries with Gombe, Plateau and Taraba States.

Reports from the area indicated that the villages attacked included Mansur, Digare and Sabuwar Sara as well as Yalo.

In the past, the bandits had launched series of deadly attacks on the residents killing people and rustling their animals a development that made the Governor, Sen Bala Abdulkadir Mohammed alongside security chiefs in the state to visit the area for on-the-spot assessment.

It was reliably gathered that most of the victims were

up and defend themselves anyhow they can from the bandits assuring that his administration will ensure protection of lives and properties.

Though the State Police Command has confirmed the incident, it however did not indicate the exact number of casualties.

Meanwhile, the State Police Command, Sani-Omolori Aliyu, has visited the scene of the crime to conduct an on-the-spot assessment and ordered the deployment of tactical teams to the affected villages.

While in Alkaleri, the CP engaged with relevant stakeholders and urged everybody

to be calm, vigilant and support the Police to continue to provide security just as he ordered for a full scale investigation.

According to the Command PPRO, CSP Ahmed Mohammed Wakil, in a statement on Monday, the Police Commissioner strongly condemned the killings, expressing deep sorrow over the tragic loss of lives.

The Commissioner described the acts as "utterly reprehensible and a significant threat to the peace and security of the state and assured that efforts are in full-scale to bring the perpetrators to book."

The PPRO stated, "On 4th

May 2025, at about 09:40 hours, the command received a report from Alkaleri Divisional Police headquarters regarding an incident that occurred earlier that same day at about 05:40 hours."

He added, "A combined team of professional hunters from Duguri and Gwana District, while on a routine patrol along Duguri, Mansur, and the Dajin Madam forest bordering Bauchi and Plateau State, encountered an ambush by armed bandits.

"This confrontation resulted in numerous casualties on both sides, including members of the vigilante group and the bandits themselves.

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"Upon receiving the report, a team of operational tactical teams was dispatched to the scene, where they recovered bodies of casualties," he added.

He further stated, "preliminary investigations revealed that the deceased included both quasi-security operatives and civilians from Sabuwar Sara village, who were mercilessly shot by the bandits while attempting to flee from the attack.

"The Command has mandated a specialised team to intensify efforts to apprehend those responsible for this heinous act and individuals found to be connected."

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