

Bandits invade Katsina villages, kill 10, injure, abduct others

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BANDITS at the weekend unleashed a deadly assault on Gobirawa and Kuki villages in Dutsin-Ma Local Government Area of Katsina State, killing more than 10 people, injuring and abducting several others.

The Saturday night attack

has plunged the communities into deep mourning and renewed fears of growing insecurity in the region.

According to a local resident, the bandits stormed the villages unexpectedly, opening fire on residents and setting homes and shops ablaze.

"They came in large numbers, shooting anyone in sight. It was like a war zone,"

the anonymous resident told Tribune Correspondent on phone.

Over ten villagers were abducted and taken into the forest by the attackers.

Residents have condemned the government's failure to protect them, expressing frustration over repeated attacks with no visible intervention by security

agents.

"We are living in fear every single day. This has become normal, and yet there is no help from the government," another villager said.

They called on the Katsina State government to take immediate action to prevent further loss of lives and property.

Despite the severity of the

attack, there was no official statement or reaction from the Katsina State police command at the time of filing this report.

The silence has further deepened residents' despair, who feel abandoned in the face of relentless violence.

Tribune correspondent said the latest attack underscores the escalating security crisis in Katsina and the urgent need for

government intervention to restore safety and confidence in rural communities.

Recent attacks by bandits in Malumfashi and Safana Local government axis which claimed several lives has prompted the government last week to overhaul its security network with a view to tackling the new wave of attacks by the bandits.