

Three killed, 50 injured as bandits attack Niger community

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Bandits on Saturday killed three persons and injured 50 others in Grumana, Shiroro Local Government Area of Niger State.

The Chairman of the LGA, Alhaji Suleiman Chukuba, confirmed the attack to our correspondent on the telephone.

According to him, the latest attack brings to five the number of such attacks in the area since January this year.

Chukuba said over 300 cattle were also rustled from a Fulani man by the bandits.

He disclosed that the bandits invaded the community in about 100 motorcycles and shot sporadically in the air to announce their arrival.

He said, “I can’t ascertain the actual number of the bandits but my people said they came in about 100 motorcycles and three on each motorcycle.

“As I speak, about 15 have been taken to the hospital in Minna for treatment. The number of people injured is high but these were the ones that we were able rescue so far.”

Among the injured were five members of the local vigilante group stationed in the area.

“I have equally notified the security agencies on this latest attack. What we saw today is like war, the situation is horrible.”

The management of the General Hospital in Minna led by Chief Medical Director, Dr Ma’ali Ishak, was on ground to attend to those who sustained injuries.

The President, Major General Mohammadu Buhari (retd.), last week ordered airstrike on bandits’ locations in the state.

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