

## NEWS

# Bandits kill 12 in fresh Zamfara attacks

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Bandits have attacked three communities in the Tsafe Local Government Area of Zamfara State, killing 12 people and carting away animals.

The affected communities are Kurda, Unguwar Rogo and Bidda.

The bandits, according to Muhammadu Alkhamis, who spoke on behalf of the three communities, attacked in the early hours.

“They came with over 60 motorcycles and each motorcycle conveyed three of them.”

Muhammadu said 12 persons were killed in the three affected villages.

Confirming the incident, the state's police Public Relations Officer, SP Mohammed Shehu, said, "It was a reprisal from the Fulani whose people were also killed by the Yansakai of Unguwar Rogo community."

Shehu said the people of Unguwar Rogo village had intercepted some Fulanis migrating from Daza village in the Bungudu Local Government Area of the state three days ago.

"Five of the Fulani people were able to escape and the remaining two were killed by the Yansakai."

According to him, the Yansakai refused to surrender the two dead bodies to their people for burial, despite appeals by the Divisional Police officer in charge of the area.

Shehu said the aggrieved Fulani people attacked the three communities in order to retrieve the dead bodies of their brothers and also avenge their killings.

He said the police were making effort to restore normalcy to the communities.