



### **Olaide Oyelude, Katsina.**

Residents of Yankara in Faskari Local Government Area of Katsina State on Thursday staged what they called ‘grand protest’ to express their dissatisfaction with insecurity in the state.

The protesters, mainly youths moved from the town, barricaded the Yankara/ Gusau highway. The development caused gridlock.

The protesters also displayed placards containing messages calling for an end to banditry and other crimes in the state.

Some of the messages read, ‘We want peace in Faskari,’ and ‘Save us from bandits, kidnappers.’

A resident, Abdullahi Yankara, told our correspondent on the telephone, “We are also part of this country, but the government has forsaken us.

“How could these killings be going on after the Federal Government sent soldiers and police to help us?

“This protest is not to demean anyone, but to show the government that things are no longer easy here. We’re being killed on a daily basis. Even this morning, bandits launched an attack near Faskari town.”

The reaction of the state police command was being awaited as of the time of filing this report.

*The PUNCH* recalls that a similar protest was staged on Tuesday by residents of Yantumaki town, Damusa Local Government Area during which the All Progressives Congress’ campaign billboard containing the pictures of the President, Major-General (retd) Muhammadu Buhari and that of Governor Aminu Masari, was burnt.

Katsina State has recently come under renewed attacks by bandits during which the District Head of Yantumaki, Alhaji Abu Atiku, and the Chairman of the APC for Batsari LGA of Katsina State, Abdulhamid Dumburawa, were killed.