

Zamfara village head, seven Katsina farmers killed, 38 others abducted

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Bandits have killed the village head of Gwaram in the Talata-Mafara Local Government Area of Zamfara State, Alhaji Umaru Magaji, and kidnapped eight other persons.

An indigene of the area, Usman Gwaram told The PUNCH that the bandits who came to the village around 3am on Monday wanted to kidnap the village head but he refused to follow them.

According to Usman, the village head told the bandits that he preferred to die than to follow them.

“When the bandits realised that the village head was not cooperating with them, they cut him with a machete him, and he bled to death.

“They later moved to other houses where they kidnapped eight people, including the wife of the district head of the area, Hajiya Sharifa, and the former People Democratic Party ward chairman, Alhaji Musa Makeri,” Usman said.

Efforts to talk to the spokesperson for the state police command, SP Mohammed Shehu, failed as he did not pick calls made to his phone.

Meanwhile, a member of the Katsina House of Assembly, Ibrahim Machika on Monday disclosed that bandits killed seven farmers and abducted 30 others during different operations in Tasha Bama, Dogun Muazu and Unguwar Maigaya villages in the Sabuwa LGA.

Machika, who represents Sabuwa Constituency in the House of Assembly, made the disclosure during plenary, while sponsoring a motion on the need to improve security in some communities in the council.

He said the incident occurred over the weekend.

Machika said, Our people now live in fears as the bandits now carry out attacks in our villages in broad daylight. They kill people, steal property and kidnap as many people as they can.

“There is no day bandits don’t attack one community or another and the people no longer sleep in their houses.”

His colleague representing Dutsinma constituency, Muhammed Khamis, and another member from Safana constituency, Abduljalal Runka, also said attacks by bandits had become worrisome in their respective constituencies.

The Speaker, Tasiu Zango, directed the clerk of the house to forward a letter to Governor Aminu Masari on the need to reinforce security in the affected communities.

The Spokesman for the Katsina police command, SP Gambo Isah was not available for comments.

The spokesman was said to be involved in the movement of some policemen to Kano State for training.

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