

# Niger bandits kill 16, scores abducted

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More than 15 villagers have been reportedly killed in Beri town, Bobi district in the Mariga Local Government Area of Niger State.

A mobile policeman was said to be among the dead.

The PUNCH learnt that some local vigilantes neutralised five of the bandits during the incident, which happened on Monday.

It was, however, gathered that the Beri Police Station was burnt by the hoodlums, with several people reportedly injured during the stampede that accompanied the arson.

Our correspondent was informed that another set of bandits stormed Garin-Gabas during which they faced stiff opposition from the youth of the town,

It could not be immediately ascertained the number of casualties on both sides.

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Also on Monday, some bandits raided Ungwan Bako in the Kotonkoro district of Mariga Local Government Area, abducting many people, mostly women and children.

The Niger State Emergency Management Agency confirmed the incidents, but did not give details.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Wasiu Abiodun, did not respond to calls made to his cell phones for comments on the developments.

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