

Bandits kill 21, burn houses in fresh Katsina communities' invasions

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NO fewer than 21 people have been killed in different attacks on Katsina State villages by bandits.

1 Late on Monday, they killed 19 people at Tsauwa village in the Batsari Local Government Area of the state

Residents said the bandits stormed the village at 11.30pm and operated till early hours of Tuesday.

One of the residents, who spoke

on condition of anonymity, said on their arrival at Tsauwa village, they started shooting anybody on sight including those who were fleeing to neighbouring communities.

The resident said, "When they (the bandits) came, they started shooting and pursuing people who were trying to escape to other communities and those attempting to escape into the forest.

"As at last count, they killed 2 19 persons and we buried them

this morning (Tuesday), while those wounded have been taken to hospital for treatment."

The bandits also reportedly set fire on many houses and grains reserves while they also carted away domestic animals.

When contacted, the Spokesman for the Katsina State Police command, Gambo Isah, said he was already in contact with the divisional police officer for the area to get details of the incident.

The bandits had earlier on Sunday killed two people and

injured three others at Ajiya and Yasore villages in the Batsari Local Government Area of the state.

The gunmen reportedly carried out the attacks simultaneously on the two villages on Sunday morning.

Residents said the two men were killed while working on their farms. Three others were also said to have sustained injuries during the attacks.

The gunmen also reportedly rustled 35 cows belonging to one of the victims at Yasore village. „