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Bandits attack Katsina community, kill four, injure

Olaide Oyelude, Katsina

SUSPECTED bandits on Monday killed four persons and injured five others in another attack on Tsayau, Jibia Local Government Area of the state.

The police spokesman in the state, SP Gambo Isah, confirmed the incident on Wednesday.

According to him, the bandits swooped on the village late on Monday and carried out the attack.

"Initially, the bandits killed three persons in the village. Another of their victims died while receiving treatment in a hospital, five persons were injured," he said.

Isah stated that the bandits kidnapped six persons during the operation, adding that efforts were being made by security operatives to rescue the victims.

"We are trying our best to secure the state and we need the cooperation of residents in our efforts," he said.

Meanwhile, bandits also killed two Niger Republic military personnel in an ambush in the Jibia Local Government Area of Katsina State.

Sources revealed that the

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incident occurred when the bandits crossed over from Jibia to Niger Republic to rustle cattle.

It was learnt that the soldiers, who were alerted to the movement of the bandits, pursued them back to Jibia.

Sources added that the bandits laid an ambush for the military personnel in Jibia, leading to the exchange of gunfire and the death of the two Nigerian officers.

Residents also revealed that the bandits set ablaze a vehicle belonging to the military personnel and went away with

another one.

A member of the Katsina State House of Assembly representing Jibia, Mustapha Yusuf, confirmed the incident on Wednesday.

Yusuf stated, "The gunmen went into Niger Republic and rustled cows, and the security operatives there went after them with the intention of recovering the stolen animals.

"But they were ambushed by the gunmen and two military personnel lost their lives in the process.

"We are frustrated and worried about the security situation in the area as situations like this one occur on a regular basis."

Ishaku mourns Mantu

THE Taraba State Governor, Darius Ishaku, has condoled with his Plateau State counterpart, Simon Lalong, over the death of a former Deputy Senate President, Ibrahim Mantu.

Ishaku in a statement on Wednesday by his Special Adviser on Media and Publicity, Bala Abu, recalled a meeting with the late Mantu, barely two weeks ago at a political forum in Abuja, saying he was by the news

of his death.

He described the late Senator as a consistent and influential political voice, whose contributions to the birth and sustenance of the current democratic dispensation in Nigeria would never be forgotten.

"As a politician, Mantu never wavered in his belief and desire for the unity of Nigeria. This guided his actions and utterances as member of the Senate," Ishaku said.