

Invaders killed five residents, abduct others in Zamfara community – Commissioner

Maiharaji Altine Gusau

the area.

THE Zamfara State Government has confirmed the killing of five people in Rijiya village in the Gusau Local Government Area of the state.

The state Commissioner of Information, Alhaji Ibrahim Dosara, said, "We received a report from the affected village that five people lost their lives as a result of a bandit attack.

"We also got information that five people were injured during the attack."

He, however, said the state government had yet to ascertain the number of people abducted.

The commissioner stated that security agents had been drafted to

Recall that gunmen, suspected to be bandits, attacked Rijiya village, killed several residents and abducted others.

A resident, Musa Sani, who fled to Gusau town, told *PUNCH Metro* that the bandits, who were on motorcycles, stormed the village around 1.30pm on Sunday and opened fire on people.

He said he was in another part of the village when he heard gunshots and screams of villagers, as he ran into the bush for safety.

"When they left the village, we discovered that they had shot and killed six people and wounded several others.

"They also abducted many women

and children whose number is yet to be known.

"I decided to leave the village and come to Gusau for fear that the bandits may return because this is not the first time these criminals are attacking us," Sani added.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, SP Mohammed Shehu, could not be reached for comments as of the time of filing in this report.

Meanwhile, our correspondent reliably gathered that the bandits were still attacking residents despite security measures put in place by the state government.

Many farmers reportedly abandoned their farmlands and could not harvest their crops due to persistent attacks by the hoodlums.