

Senate mourns 120 residents killed in Sokoto market

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THE Senate on Wednesday observed one-minute silence to mourn the killing of over 120 Nigerians by bandits at the Gorony market, Sokoto State.

The attention of the upper chamber was drawn to the incident by Senator Ibrahim Gobir through a point of order.

He said the massacre of the victims by bandits occurred on Sunday, October 17, 2021.

Gobir said, "On Sunday,

October 17th 2021, Gorony market was attacked, and about 120 plus people killed.

"The terrorists came to the market and started shooting every person they saw in the market."

He added that in seven villages within some local government areas of the state, residents were compelled by bandits to pay levies between N1m and N20m

Gobir gave the affected villages to include Kwarangamba, Garki,

Danadua, Katuma, Kurawa and Dama.

The lawmaker lamented that the failure to meet the demand imposed by the bandits in the affected areas had severally led to the killing of the villagers.

He expressed frustration that despite consistent pleas to security agencies to come to the rescue of the affected communities, nothing had been done so far by the military and police to intervene in the plight of the people.