

Kebbi bandits invade Niger, kill DPO, two policemen, four vigilantes

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Bandits have killed a Divisional Police Officer, Umar Dakin, two other police officers and four vigilantes in Nasko, Magama Local Government Area of Niger State.

A resident of the area, Jiamu Dangwere, who spoke to our correspondent on the telephone, stated that the bandits, who were on over 100 motorcycles, went straight to the Nasko Police Station and killed the DPO and the other cops.

He added that no one was abducted from the village and that the bandits also killed four vigilantes in the operation.

“They didn’t take away anyone, they just went straight to the police station and killed the people and left,” Dangwere stated.

He said the villagers had been hearing rumours that bandits had passed through some villages and as a result, they started deserting the village for fear of an attack.

He stated, “We have been hearing that they (bandits) were passing through the area, so people started to run away from the villages until the bandits came and attacked us.

“People from other villages saw them passing through their villages; as they were running for their lives, they were also making calls to people in villages ahead to inform them that the bandits were moving in their direction.

“When I got the call that the bandits were moving towards the direction of Nasko, I wasn’t at home but I instructed my family to run to Salka.”

The Commissioner of Police in the state, Bala Kuryas, confirmed the attack, saying the bandits strayed into Nasko from Kebbi State.

Also confirming the attack, the Commissioner for Local Government, Chieftaincy Affairs and Internal Security, Emmanuel Umar, stated that the DPO and six other persons were killed in the attack.

“Unfortunately, we lost the DPO, two other police officers and four vigilante group members to this attack,” he stated.