

# 20 killed as terrorists attack Sokoto village

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No fewer than 20 persons have been reportedly killed following an attack by terrorists on Duma village in the Tureta Local Government Area of Sokoto State.

One of the residents who spoke with our correspondent on condition of anonymity said the bandits attacked the village at about 8am on Wednesday and operated for several hours, terrorising locals and rustling livestock.

The resident further disclosed that the terrorists turned in large numbers using motorcycles and carrying sophisticated weapons which they used to kill some of their victims.

It was, however, learnt that many of the victims lost their lives while attempting to escape the attack by diving into a river.

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Meanwhile, the Sokoto State Governor, Aminu Tambuwal, led a team of security agents and other government functionaries on a condolence visit to the village.

The governor also observed the Juma'at prayers where special prayers were held for the repose of the souls of the victims.

While narrating their experience to the governor, some of the residents said some youths from the communities were taken away by the bandits who were demanding premium motor spirit in large quantities before the youths would be released.

The Tureta local government area shares a border with Zamfara State and is one of the local government areas in Sokoto that has suffered a series of attacks with many of the travellers abducted.