Bandits kill three, kidnap eight Zamfara nursing mothers

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Three people were killed while eight nursing mothers with babies were kidnapped by bandits in Tauji area of Kanoma North in Maru Local Government Area of Zamfara State on Sunday.

An indigene of the area, Mohammed Maisa, who spoke to The PUNCH, said the incident occurred around 1.40am on Sunday when the bandits stormed the area.

He added that immediately after the bandits, who were on motorcycles arrived in the area, they started shooting to scare away the people.

He said, "They later went from house to house, searching for people to kidnap.

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"They succeeded in kidnapping eight women who are mostly nursing mothers and killed three persons who wanted to escape."

The town's district head, Alhaji Ibrahim Nabature, confirmed the incident.

He called on the state government and relevant security agencies to send security personnel to the area to avert attacks on the communities.

The spokesperson of the state police command, Mohammed Shehu, could not be reached for comment as his telephone line did not connect on Sunday.