



Terrorists kill 19 in Zamafara village, residents flee

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TERRORISTS have reportedly killed 19 persons during an attack on Riyoji village in Birnin Tsaba District, in the Zurmi Local Government Area of Zamfara State.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the terrorists also injured some residents

during the attack that happened around 10pm last Wednesday.

An indigene of the area, Mohammed Lawal, during a telephone conversation with our correspondent, said told the terrorists stormed the village on motorcycles and started shooting sporadically.

"Immediately they



• Zamfara CP, Kolo Yusuf (terrorists) arrived the village, they began to shoot

at the people they came across, killing 19 persons and wounded several others. Many people were able to escape because they ran into the bush for safety," Lawal said.

He said the terrorists stole valuable items including foodstuffs and animals, adding that many people in the village, particularly

women and children, fled to other neighbouring communities over fear that the terrorists might return.

Lawal called on the government to come to the aide of the community by deploying security agents to protect them against persistent attacks from terrorists.

Efforts made to get a

reaction from the state Police Public Relations Officer, SP Mohammed Shehu, proved abortive.

Similarly, the state Commissioner for Information, Ibrahim Dosara, did not pick his call and did not respond to a text message sent to him as of the time this report was filed.