However, in an attack on Maru town, the headquarters of Maru Local Government Area of Zamfara State, bandits killed two people and kidnapped four others, including a lecturer of the College of Education Maru, Dr Nasiru Anka.

An indigene of the area, Mohammed Bawa, informed The PUNCH that the bandits attacked Maru town last Saturday night, killed two people and abducted four others, including a lecturer with the College of Education Maru.

Bawa said, "The bandits, as usual, came into the town with heavy firearms and started shooting sporadically then later moved from house to house where they abducted four people.

"They also opened fire on others who wanted to escape the abduction. And in the process, they killed two people and injured several others."

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Bawa lamented that last Saturday's attack on Maru town was the fourth of its kind in one month.

He called on the appropriate authorities to take serious measures before the situation went out of control.

"You see, these bandits have been attacking the town despite the fact that it is a local government headquarters and very close to the Gusau-Sokoto Road.

"The last Saturday's attack was the fourth of its kind in just one month.

"If you could remember, they were here last week in an attempt to abduct our Emir Alhaji Abubakar Gado Maigari.