

Bandits kill 11, rustle 300 animals in Sokoto attack

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NO fewer than 11 persons were allegedly killed by suspected bandits in two villages of Gandi District of Rabbah Local Government Area of Sokoto within one week.

A source, who spoke with our correspondent from one of the affected villages, confirmed that the attack, which was launched in Gidan-Buwai and Maikujera, also resulted in the rustling of over 300 animals.

The source, who gave his name as Salisu Gandi, said the bandits attacked Gidan-Buwai community on Monday night.

"They also rustled over 100 cows, 200 sheep and goats belonging to the community members as well as some residents of the community in the process," he said.

Gandi further explained that the insurgents riding motorcycles numbering over 100 arrived and surrounded Gidan-Buwai village with sophisticated weapons and immediately started shooting, thereby killing and injuring many.

He described the attack as the worst incident as the bandit razed down many houses, over 60 silos, 10 motorcycles, five vehicles and seven people sustained various degrees of injuries.

According to him, the bandit also burgled many shops and carted away essential commodities and food items.

The gunmen also hunted vigilante members in the villages where they intensified a house-to-house search for the vigilantes.

When contacted, the spokesman for the police in Sokoto, Ahmad Rufa'i, confirmed the incident but declined to comment on the figures.