Katsina communities groan as bandits kill 30 in fresh attacks

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The Katsina State Police Public Relations Officer, ASP Abubakar Aliyu, has confirmed the killing of no fewer than 30 residents in separate attacks on villages in the Dutsinma and Safana Local Government Areas of the State.

The affected villages included Tashar Kawai Mai Zurfi, Sabon Gari Unguwar Banza, Dogon Ruwa, Sanawar Kurecen Dutsi, Unguwar Bera, Kuricin Kulawa, Larabar Tashar Mangoro, Sabaru, Ashata, Unguwar Ido, Kanbiri, Kunamawar Mai Awaki and Kunamawar 'Yargandu.

The bandits were said to have killed the victims in a series of separate attacks on the villages on Tuesday.

Aliyu confirmed the incident in response to an inquiry made by our correspondent via a text message on Friday.

According to him, "The Command in collaboration with all relevant stakeholders, is intensifying efforts to ensure the arrest of the perpetrators of the dastardly act as additional security measures are being put in place to prevent further occurrences of such situation. Further development will be communicated in due course."

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City Round gathered that the attacks had forced residents to flee their villages to neighbouring villages for refuge.

A youth leader in the community who gave his name only as Ibrahim lamented that the residents were tired of the incessant attacks.

He said, "We are tired. The government needs to do something. We cannot keep losing our loved ones like animals."

Another resident, who did not want to be named, begged the government to come to their aid.

The source said, "We are begging the government to come to our aid."

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