

# Terrorists kidnap over 50, kill six in Katsina

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Terrorists

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Terrorists in coordinated attacks kidnapped 53 and killed six persons in the Funtua and Dandume Local Government Areas of Katsina on Saturday and Sunday.

The PUNCH learnt that residents of Funtua Local Government Area in Katsina State raised the alarm over a fresh wave of attacks by the terrorists who invaded several villages, killing and kidnapping women and children.

A local in the area, who spoke on condition of anonymity for security concerns, told our correspondent on Monday that the hoodlums struck on Saturday night and continued the attacks into Sunday afternoon.

“The gunmen stormed communities in both Funtua and neighbouring Dandume local government areas, leaving trails of fear and displacement.

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“The terrorists carried out the attack at around 10.30 pm. They kidnapped 53 people, including men, married women, young girls, and children.

“They killed two people at Layin Garaa, and four at the village of Mai Kwama in Dandume LGA,” he said.

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The village head of Layin Garaa, Mustapha Abdullahi, confirmed the attacks, describing the situation as dire.

“Our people are already suffering from food scarcity, and now this horrific attack has worsened everything,” he lamented. “The government is watching, but nothing is being done. Even when security personnel are deployed, they barely stop by before moving on to other locations.”

According to the village head, the latest attack has triggered another round of mass displacement.

The Katsina State Police Command Public Relations Officer, DSP Abubakar Sadiq, did not pick up the calls placed to his mobile line.

Also when contacted for a reaction, Katsina State Commissioner of Internal Security and Home Affairs, Dr. Nasir Mu’azu, said he was not in town and promised to get back.

“PUNCH, thank you but I can’t talk now. I’m in Abuja attending a programme. Call me later, please,” he said.