

Bandits kill seven Katsina villagers

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Seven people were reportedly killed as bandits launched an attack on Magajin Wando village in Dandume Local Government Area of Katsina State.

Sunday PUNCH gathered that the attack occurred between 11pm and midnight on Friday.

The Katsina State Government confirmed the incident on Saturday in a statement by the Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Nasir Mu'azu.

According to the statement, many people would have been killed but for the intervention of security operatives who confronted the bandits.

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“Thanks to the swift and courageous intervention of the Community Watch Corps, the attack was repelled, preventing what could have been a far more devastating outcome for the community.

“In the immediate aftermath, those who sustained injuries during the attack were evacuated. However, they were ambushed on their way to the hospital by the same group who had divided themselves. In the ensuing exchange of gunfire, their vehicle was riddled with bullets. The Community Watch Corps fought bravely, escaped the ambush, and returned to safety, but the CWC vehicle was burnt during the ambush by the bandits,” the statement read partly.

The government stated that preliminary findings indicated that the ambush was carried out by the same group of criminals, who sought revenge for many of their members killed in the Magajin Wando community during the repel by the Community Watch Corps.