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## 21 killed in fresh attack in Zamfara

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**NO** fewer than 21 people have been reported killed by bandits in Badarawa village of Shinkafi Local Government Area of Zamfara State.

Mr. Usman Sani, a resident of Badarawa village, who claimed to have escaped being killed or injured, said the bandits in their

dozens stormed the village and began shooting at anything in sight, resulting in the death of over 21 people instantly, while many were seriously injured.

A health worker in Shinkafi, who preferred anonymity, said many dead bodies were brought to the hospital in Shinkafi town from the village where the attack took place. He added that at least 12 people, some of whom were seriously injured, were referred

to Gusau, the state capital, for proper medical care in view of the severity of their injuries.

However, when contacted, the state's police public relations officer, SP Mohammed Shehu, said only six people were killed while 10 sustained injuries. He said, on receiving a distress call, the command mobilised men to the area, which made the bandits to flee, and now the police were on their trail.

Shehu said the command was patrolling the area to fish out the

perpetrators of the killing. He implored residents to assist the police in crushing all forms of criminality in the state by providing useful information and reporting suspicious persons or activities to the police.

The latest killing is coming barely three days after a special town hall meeting on security was organised by the federal government in Gusau.