

# Bandits kill 22 in Zamfara fresh attacks

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**AT** least 22 people have been killed by bandits in Malikawa, Geedo and Gidan Goga villages of Maradun Local Government Area of Zamfara state.

According to sources the bandits raided the three villages in the early hours of Tuesday leaving 22 people dead.

A source said the bandits arrived the village on motorcycles and began to shoot which caused panic in the village.

"The bandits arrived the villages around 2:30 am in their dozens and we began to hear gun shots. By this morning we found about eight persons killed by the bandits during their nefarious operation," he claimed.

Another source said the bandits entered their village in the early hours of the day and began searching people's houses and killing the male occupants.

"Six people among those being chased by the bandits hid in the stock pile of corn stalks but unfortunately the stalks was set ablaze by the bandits resulting in their been burnt to death", he said.

A witness's account added that a combine team of Mobile policemen and Army had arrived the area in the morning hours to restored peace.

The Police Public Relation Officer (PPRO), Zamfara State Police Command, SP Mohammed Shehu, did not pick his calls and refused to respond to text message sent to him as at the time of filling this report.