

Lakurawa kills 6, injures 1 in Sokoto

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Suspected Lakurawa bandits have launched a deadly assault on Baidi and Sabiyo villages in Tangaza Local Government, Sokoto State, killing at least six villagers and injuring one.

According to local sources, the incident occurred on Tuesday afternoon when bandits, armed with sophisticated weapons attacked traveling Mrs. Medina Isah on foot and some motorcycles riders in Baidi village, wounding one person.

They then proceeded to Sabiyo village, where they killed six farmers working in their fields. Aminu Sama'ila, one of the victims, sustained gunshot injuries on the neck and chest.

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He was rescued and rushed to a nearby hospital by a joint patrol team and later referred to the Specialist Hospital in Sokoto, where he is receiving medical treatment. One farmer, Usman Sama'ila, was still missing at the time of filing this report, with search operations were currently underway.

The armed group reportedly invaded the village after attacking the farmers, firing on residents and killing four people on the spot.

Security sources confirmed that troops from Operation Fansan Yanma, along with the Divisional Police Officer of Gidan-Madi, police tactical teams, and community guards, were conducting a search operation in the surrounding bush paths and border routes between Nigeria and Niger Republic to pursue the fleeing attackers.

This attack was part of series of violent incidents attributed to the Lakurawa bandits, who have increasingly targeted farming communities during the planting season, raising concerns about food insecurity and displacement in border communities.