

Bandits kill seven in fresh Katsina attack

At least seven persons have been reported killed after bandits attacked several communities in Kasai and Nahuta villages of Batsari Local Government Area of Katsina State.

A resident of Kurmiyal, a neighbouring community, Sama'ila Lihidda, confirmed the incident to *Channels Television* in a

phone call.

Lihidda stressed that the hoodlums attacked the communities on Friday night at about 7:00 pm when the residents were preparing for the evening prayer, Magrib.

Although the police are yet to confirm the incident, the resident said: "In Kasai community alone, two persons were killed and five killed in Nahuta com-

munity with several others injured."

"Upon their arrival on motorcycles, the bandits armed with guns, opened fire, shooting sporadically on the air to disperse the people living in Kasai and Nahuta communities," Lihidda added.

When contacted, the state's police spokesman, SP Gambo Isah said he is yet to confirm the attack.

"Okay, let me call the DPO of Batsari, I will keep you posted. Thanks," Isah said.

In the past few years Katsina, along with other northern states, has seen a rise in bandit attacks on villages, prompting calls for increased security for citizens.

On Thursday, members of the Northern Governors Forum met to review the security situation in the region.