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MINNANiger: Bandits kill 16, injure
several worshippers in a mosque

No fewer than 16 persons have been killed by armed bandits at Ba'are village in

Mashegu Local Government Area of Niger State Subhi (early morning) prayers in a mosque.

It would be recalled that similar incident occurred over a month ago when armed bandits in their large number carrying dangerous weapons stormed

Maza kuka village of Mashegu Local Government Area killing 18 worshippers while observing same Subhi prayers.

It was gathered that apart from the 16 persons killed on Wednesday, several others were wounded during and the attack

and are now receiving treatment at the Kontagora General Hospital.

Confirming the incident, the Niger State Commissioner of Police, Mr Monday Bala Kuryas in a telephone chat with our Correspondent in Minna however said nine people were killed by

the hoodlums.

He also explained that the Niger state Police command in collaboration with the Army, Civil Defence and Vigilance group have drafted additional security personnel to the affected area to further safeguard lives and properties.

He however maintained that security agencies will never shy away from their responsibility of protecting lives and properties of Nigerlites and Nigerians while calling for credible intelligence from the public to succeed.

