

Police confirm 13, not 37 killed by terrorists in Niger communities

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The Niger State Police Command has confirmed the killings of 13 persons by armed Bandits who attacked Nakundna and Wurukuchi communities, Shiroro Local Government Area in the state.

Making this confirmation in a statement signed by the Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Wasiu Abiodun and made available to journalists in Minna, the Commissioner of Police, Monday Bala Kuryas said the villagers were attacked while harvesting crops by 10am on Monday this week.

While debunking reports in some dailies (not New Telegraph) that 37 persons were killed in Nakundna and Wurukuchi communities, Shiroro LGA, Kuryas said such claim is unfounded, baseless, and untrue. According to him, "the Command wishes to state that on 10/01/2022 at about 1000hrs,

suspected bandits/terrorists attacked some villagers who were harvesting crops in their farm at Nakundna village near Kaure in Shiroro LGA, and unfortunately, thirteen (13) persons lost their lives as a result of the attack.

"The Police tactical teams were drafted to the scene led by Area Commander, Shiroro."

He however disclosed that details of the incident were not immediately available due to the rough terrain and lack of commu-

nication network in the area.

The Commissioner of Police further condoled with families of the victims and reassured Nigerites and residents that the Police and other security agencies will not relent in the ongoing onslaught against banditry and other criminality in the state.

He equally admonished reporters to avoid rushing to publish stories without adequate verification to avoid causing panic and public outrage.

Kwara not haven for kidnappers, says Police Command

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The Kwara State Police Command have condemned a report by an online medium describing the state as a new haven for kidnappers.

The profiling, according to a statement by the Command's spokesman, SP Okasanmi Ajayi, is baseless and against the interest of the public.

He said: "While the security community, in full support of the state government, continues to work together to curtail breaches which are sadly of the copycat syndrome, it is dangerous for anyone