

Bandits killed 7 soldiers, one vigilante in Plateau communities – Village head

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Suspected Fulani bandits have killed seven military personnel and one vigilance member in some communities of Bashar chiefdom in Wase Local Government of Plateau State

It would be recalled that the suspected bandits had given quit notices to some communities in Wase Local Government Area of the state, warning residents to evacuate the villages or be wiped out.

The village head of Kanpani Zurak, Alhaji Dahiru Adamu and other traditional rulers in Wase council stated this when the House of Representatives' Ad Hoc Committee Investigating the Wanton killings, kidnappings by bandits in Wase council of the state and neighboring communities of the state visited Bashar, Kuru and Wase on a fact finding mission towards providing a lasting solution on the incessant killings in the state.

The Reps Ad-Hoc Committee was led by its chairman, Hon. Fulata Hassan Abubaka and accompanied by Hon. Dachung Musa Bagos, Hon. Ugbonna Johnson amongst

other members.

He said the community has received serious threat, witnessed kidnapping of several persons who always pay the sum of N500,000 each to free themselves while some others are killed by the bandits

"Just this morning, the bandits released 7 person after paying the sum of N500,000 each as ransom, recently they killed two soldiers and one vigilance member in the community.

"We also got quit notice recently where the suspected Fulani bandits said we must leave our villages or they will kill all of us, especially now that is farming season, we cannot go to our farms again."

Also speaking, a resident of Bashar, Alhaji Abubakar Yusuf told the Ad-Hoc Committee investigating the wanton killings and kidnapping that five soldiers were killed on Tuesday by the bandits at the villages neighboring Wase

and Taraba State.

"We are farmers and we cannot go to our farms again, over 3000 of our cattle have been forcefully taken by the bandits, these are people that came either from Zamfara, Kastina and Sokoto states, they want to forcefully take over our lands and inheritance, we pray to government to take immediate action and provide us with security

"We don't know where we are going to run to and everyone knows that those people do not make empty threats. We are calling on the government and the security operatives to come to our aid."

Chairman of the Committee who doubles as the House of Representatives Committee Chairman on Rules and Business, Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata described as unfortunate that based on their findings bandits and terrorist are having a free day in the various communities visited.

Trial of suspected invaders of rtd Justice Odili's home suffers setback

The trial of suspected invaders of the residence of Mrs Mary Odili, retired Justice of the Supreme Court, was yesterday stalled in a Federal

High Court, Abuja, due to the absence of the police counsel, Mathew Omosun.

Upon resumed trial, Usman Jubril, who was counsel for the 6th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th