

Gunmen kill 3, abduct 14 in Zamfara community

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A rmed bandits have invaded Mayanchi Town under Maru Local Government Council of Zamfara State, killing three persons and abducting 14 others, including the chairman of the Vigilance group and two daughters of late pioneer chairman of the state owned Legacy Newspaper.

Narrating the incident, a member of the affected community who identified himself as Malam Abdullahi Mayanchi and narrowly escaped the attack, said the armed bandits came in their hundreds on bikes around 11:00pm on Monday and operated unchallenged.

Mayanchi further revealed that, the bandits came at the time it was raining, when everyone had retired for the day, leaving only members of the Vigilance group patrolling the town as usual. "They were sighted grouping themselves outside the town before the rain began to fall.

"Later there was heavy rain fall when the bandits immediately rushed into the town and launched a house to house check, while many of them were shooting indiscriminately as they rode their bikes from one angle of the town to another, aimed at scaring away any possible attempt for rescue.

"All the abducted victims were picked in their rooms, only that for those who resisted their invitation were killed instantly. The nasty operation which lasted for about two hours was hitch free as there was no response to numerous calls made for security assistance," Malam Mayanchi said.

Contacted for comment, the Acting Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the state, ASP Yazid Abubakar, said he would call the Divisional Police Officer (DPO), in charge of the area, before responding to a question on any possible effort made by the Police to rescue the victims.