

# Cross-Border bandits kill 8 farmers, rustle 1,260 livestock in Gudu community --Sole Administrator alleges

Umar Abdullahi

**F**leeing cross-border bandits last Friday attacked and killed eight farmers working on their farms at the border community of Gudu Local Government Area of Sokoto State.

The bandits who had allegedly entered Nigeria from the Republic of Mali, also rustled over 1,260 domestic animals that include 260 cows, 1000 sheeps and goats belonging to Gudu communities.

The Sole Administrator of the Local Government Area, Alhaji Umar Maikano Balle, stated this in a VOA Hausa Service Programme, "Tubalin Tsaro".

MaiKano Balle said the suspected fleeing bandits passed through a town called Mantsaika, where they attempted to vandalise the oil pipeline from the Republic of Niger, but were resisted by the Nigerien security personnel, which made them return to Gudu and subsequently attacked the villages.

He confirmed that the bandits attacked and shot dead four innocent farmers, while two persons sustained serious injuries later

and one of the victims died in the hospital.

"We received the information on their arrival at a forest in Gudu area on Thursday and immediately informed the security personnel to be on the alert and work on the intelligence information."

According to him, the bandits had also attacked Karfen Sarki village on Wednesday night and killed eight farmers, five among the victims are members of the Sokoto Community Guards, while three persons are villagers from Gudu community.

He noted that security personnel pursuing them on receiving information of the attacked village called China, but it was difficult due to the heavy rainfall in the area at that time, which made the bandits escape.

He explained that this happened as a result of the security vehicles which also got stuck in the mud.

"The bandits attacking people in the Gudu Local Government Area are from Mali and this is not the first time, as similar attacks have occurred in the past," he said.

He recalled that the bandits ar-

rived the area in 2017 to 2018 and lived peacefully with the people of Gudu communities for a long time, they even got married and did not harm the people of the area.

The government has deployed more security personnel to the area and has been working to ensure peace and security in the community.

## NDLEA intercepts in baby food tins

Taiwo Jimoh

**T**he National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), have intercepted multiple consignments of illicit drugs concealed in tins of Cerelac baby food, and cloths going to the United States and United Kingdom at the Murtala Muhammed International Airport (MMIA) and a courier firm in Lagos State.

The Agency's Spokesperson, Mr. Femi Babafemi, in a statement yesterday said no less than 36 parcels of a strong strain of cannabis concealed in