

Bandits Kill 11 Hunters in Katsina

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Francis Sardauna in Katsina

Bandits have killed 11 hunters in four villages of Kankara Local Government Area (LGA) in Katsina State and in

The victims, according to a source who confirmed the attack to THISDAY in a telephone interview yesterday, v
Giwa forest when the bandits ambushed them.

The source said: "The victims were from Kaurawa, Gidan-Goge, Tashar Tsamiya, and Zan-Bago villages. They
forest for their normal hunting activities on Sunday night when the bandits launched an attack on them.

"They (bandits) killed 10 on the spot and injured many others. We brought their corpses and those injured
Hospital this morning (Monday). Unfortunately, one of the injured persons died today bringing the number to 1

However, the State Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Gambo Isah, a Superintendent of Police, while confirmi
only eight of the local hunters were killed.

He said the hunters and some volunteers (Yansakai), who believed in the power of charms and supernatural p
forest to fight the bandits, but the battle turned bloody "because the bandits were armed with dangerous weap

According to him, the deceased who are from Gidan Goge, Kaurawa and Tashar Tsamiya villages in Pauwa
attacked the bandits at Pauwa forest also known as Dajin Giwa.

He added: "These hunters and some Yansakai thought they had supernatural powers and medicine against
themselves and form a formidable team with sophisticated weapons and went to Dajin Giwa forest to fight the

“Unfortunately, eight of them were killed, some were seriously injured. Among those killed are Abdulaziz B Nura and Yahaya both of Tashar Tsamiya and Umar Bawa amongst others. The injured and corpses were taken to General Hospital.”

He explained that the state Commissioner of Police, Mr. Sanusi Buba, had dispatched a combined team of security forces and Deputy Commissioner of Police Suleiman Ketere to comb the area with a view to apprehending the killers.

Gambo, however, said normalcy had since returned to the affected villages and appealed to residents to remain calm as security personnel would continue to hunt for the bandits.

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