

# Again, Bandits Storm Zamfara Village, Kill 18, Residents Claim

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At least 18 people were feared dead and several others injured after an attack by bandits in Kadaddaba in Anka Local Government Area of Zamfara State.

The residents claimed that the attack, which lasted from 10 p.m. on Friday to 4 a.m. yesterday, was the first recorded in the village.

Kadaddaba is a few kilometres from the Federal Government College, Anka and is also not far from Anka town.

Bandits have been attacking rural communities, kidnapping people for ransom and rustling cattle for many years in the North-western part of Nigeria.

They recently killed over 200 people in one of their worst atrocities in Anka and Bukkuyum local government areas.

A resident of Anka town, Ibrahim Danda, according to Premium Times, said the bandits stormed the village on motorcycles.

"From what I have gathered, the bandits surrounded the whole village while others went in. They conducted house-to-house search, collecting money, foodstuff and domestic animals before they started shooting sporadically. Some of the residents who ran into the town (Anka) said those killed were either running or trying to resist the bandits' attempt to take their valuables," he said.

On the number of those killed, Danda, who is a lawyer, said the residents buried 16 people yesterday (Saturday) morning after the bandits left while two persons died at the General Hospital, Anka.

"Those who were severely injured were brought to the hospital and two of them died today; one immediately he was brought while the other a few minutes before you called

me (3:47 p.m.). I was at the hospital, I couldn't count the number of those who have been admitted," he said.

Another resident of Anka, Ansar Aliyu, said he heard the

gunshots while the community was being attacked.

"I started hearing gunshots around 11 p.m. and though I didn't know from where it was coming from, I

knew that it was from that axis (Kadaddaba). In the morning, the Imam in our mosque announced that there had been an attack on Kadaddaba."

The state police spokesperson, Mohammed Shehu, could not be reached for comment as his known phone number failed to connect.



## STOPOVER AT COAL CITY...

Oyo State Governor, Mr. Seyi Makinde (left), and his Enugu State counterpart, Hon. Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi, during Makinde's arrival at the Akanu Ibiam International Airport, Enugu, enroute Anambra State for the Congress of the Peoples Democratic Party...yesterday