

Three Traders Killed, Seven Injured as Terrorists Invade Katsina Market

Francis Sardauna in Katsina

There was pandemonium and uneasy calm at Yantumaki community in Danmusa Local Government Area of Katsina State yesterday following the invasion of the community's market by armed terrorists.

The terrorists who attacked the market with sophisticated weapons at about 3p.m., killed three traders and left seven others with varying degrees of injuries.

One of the ward heads in the area, who craved anonymity, told THISDAY in a telephone interview that the hoodlums also abducted many other traders

at gunpoint and taken away into the forest

He added that the miscreants launched the attack when the market was filled to capacity, and carried out the operation for about 34 minutes, shooting sporadically into the air to force traders to abandon their wares.

The credible source explained that the terrorists also carted away food and non-food items after the traders fled the market to nearby villages for safety.

According to him, "We don't know where many traders are right now because they haven't started returning. A lot of goods were destroyed, apart from the ones they stole.