

Gwaza, a resident of Zankan, said the gunmen numbering about 100 invaded the three communities and started shooting indiscriminately in the night.

"Right now, we have buried over 30 dead bodies and still looking for more. Not a single house is standing now as I am speaking to you. They killed one policeman and one soldier. In fact, other soldiers had to run because of the sophisticated guns that the invaders were carrying."

Gunmen kill 20 traders in Yobe

Unknown gunmen, Monday night, killed 20 in a local market in Yobe State.

A lecturer with the College of Agriculture, Gujba who was said to have been returning from Ashaka town in Gombe State was also shot dead by the fleeing gunmen at Buni Gari.

The state Police Commissioner, Alhaji Sanusi Rufai, however, confirmed that 18 traders were killed by armed bandits in two villages in Gulani Local Government Area.

Rufai who spoke with *Vanguard* said: "The traders were ambushed by the bandits while travelling back from Ngalda local market. "The bandits, masked and dressed in military uniform, attacked and killed 18 traders, 10 from Kukuwa and eight from

Dokshi villages and took away their money estimated at millions of Naira.

Rufai further explained that the attackers also ran into a quarry plant in the area, killing a policeman attached to it.

The police boss further said that no arrests had been made but noted that the "Joint Task force, JTF, and police are now combing the bushes across the state to arrest the culprits. Bandits are now parading themselves as Boko Haram to wreak havoc on innocent people and instil fear in them. As I speak, security forces are searching for the attackers and hopefully we will succeed."