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Armed bandits attack claims 22 lives in Sokoto village

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Bandits

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The Sokoto State Police Command has confirmed the recovery of 22 bodies of persons allegedly killed by bandits in Sabon-Birni Local Government Area of Sokoto state.

Sources close to the village had earlier informed that armed bandits invaded Gangara village Wednesday evening on motorbikes shooting sporadically.

The sources noted that over twenty persons lost their lives in the attack and several others escaped with gun injuries while property were destroyed.

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The Command's spokesman, Mr Muhammad Sadiq, while confirming the discovery of the bodies, said that the deceased were shot when the bandits attacked the area.

Sadiq said Sokoto police received the information Wednesday that bandits on motorcycles stormed Gangara Village in the council area, shooting sporadically.

He said that the Joint Operation Puff Adder and Military patrol teams were drafted to the scene and that the bandits made an unsuccessful attempt to ambush the team.

"After a fierce gun duel, the bandits retreated and escaped into the forest with gunshot wounds, while one of them was shot dead.

"Unfortunately, 22 bodies were discovered to have been victims of the sporadic shooting by the bandits on arrival in the village," Sadiq said.

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