

... abduct women in Yankara ...open fire on street traders

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Barely 24 hours after residents of Yankara in Faskari Local Government Area, LGA, of Katsina State protested against the incessant killings and kidnappings, gunmen stormed Mazojo in Musawa LGA and killed the village head, Sarkin Fulanin Fafu 111, Alhaji Dikko Usman Bello Yero.

The bandits had earlier visited Yankara where they killed 10 people in an apparent revenge mission before proceeding to murder Yero in another community.

Confirming the death of the traditional ruler, one of his relatives, who pleaded anonymity, told newsmen that he was killed at his residence at 12: 15 am on June 12, 2020.

Narrating their ordeal, he said: "Vigilante members arrested some hoodlums in the village and later handed them over to the police. I have no doubt that the gang members are responsible for his death."

The bereaved man, who revealed that his brother was buried at 11 am yesterday, according to Islamic rites, lamented that the traditional ruler did not deserve such a barbaric end.

The gunmen in their numbers around 8pm had earlier killed about 10 persons at Yankara and another victim at Fankama, both in Faskari LGA.

They were said to have also

their lives," said a resident of the town who simply identified himself as Abubakar.

Meanwhile, the death toll in last Friday's attack in parts of the state, *Sunday Vanguard* learnt, rose to 13 after the Yankara's incident with the killing of one person at Dogon Dawa village,

Faskari LGA.

The bandits also reportedly kidnapped many women and girls before snatching five motorcycles from their owners.

Residents of Hayin Yahuza, near Yankara, was not spared of the ordeal as the gunmen abducted one lady and burnt one vehicle in before disappearing into thin air.

Abducted

At Fankama village, close

to Faskari town, the bandits were said to have looted about 10 shops, killed one resident and abducted three women.

The gunmen, sources further revealed, came close to the outskirts of Faskari town that night but beat a retreat following sporadic gunshots.

The spokesman of the Katsina Police Command, Gambo Isah (SP), could not be reached for comments as of press time.



PEACE WALK: A coalition of civil society groups in Edo under the aegis of Edo Civil Society Coalition for Peace and Development during a 'Peace Walk' to promote peace and campaign for an end to godfatherism, yesterday.

ONE YEAR AFTER:

attended