

Bandits disrupt prayer in Katsina, kill 7, injure several others

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No fewer than seven persons have been reportedly killed while some residents escaped with gun shot injuries as Katsina State records fresh bandits onslaught at the weekend.

The incidents, which occurred around 7pm at Kassai Village and in the early hours of yesterday at Nahuta community, Batsari Local Government Area, were said to have caused pandemonium as many residents of the communities fled the area for safety.

Sources disclosed that at least two persons were shot dead at Kassai when the gunmen stormed the village and started shooting sporadically into the air as the residents were about to observe their evening prayer.

One resident of the area, who gave his name as Umar for confidentiality, said the bandits, who arrived in large numbers on motorcycles armed with AK47 rifles, may have abducted some members of the community.

It was also disclosed that Nahuta community, which came under bandits attack in the early hours of yesterday,

lost five of residents to the marauders as some residents suffered gun shot wounds in the onslaught.

Recall that the attacks are coming less than three days after President Muhammad Buhari expressed dissatisfaction with the efforts of his service chiefs at tackling the spate of killings and banditry in Katsina and others in the grip of criminal elements.

Spokesman for the Katsina State Police Command, Gambo Isah, Superintendent of Police (SP), told newsmen that he was yet to confirm the attacks at press time yesterday.