

Gunmen kill 14, injure 5 in Niger community

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five others sustained various degrees of injuries and are receiving treatment at Mariga General Hospital.

Vanguard gathered that the gunmen rode on about 52 motorcycles into the village, started shooting sporadically and ended up killing the 14 persons.

They were said to have laid ambush on Tuesday night before invading the village on

Wednesday and inflicted mayhem on the hapless villagers.

Chairman of the vigilante group in Ukuru, Ashafa S. Maikera, confirmed the killing in telephone chat, saying "the heavily armed gunmen who rode on over 52 motorcycles had laid ambush on the community over the night before striking at about 4:00PM on Wednesday.

"My men were overpowered by the armed men because of insufficient weapons as the gunmen who attacked us carried sophisticated weapons while my men only had dane guns", he lamented.

Maikeri appealed to Governor Abubakar Bello to provide more funds and equipment to the outfit to enable its members discharge their responsibilities effectively.

"The bodies of the fifteen persons have so far been found and many people who sustained injuries ran into nearby bush and they are still being searched for," he added.

The state Police Command Spokesman, Wasiu Abiodun, who also confirmed the attack, said policemen and local vigilante were on the trail of the fleeing gunmen.

MINNA NO fewer than 14 persons were killed by Gunmen in Ukuru village of Mariga Local Government Area of Niger State.

Those killed were 13 men including four members of the vigilante group of the area and a female.

Besides those confirmed dead,

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