

Gunmen kill 5 in fresh attack in Niger

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JALINGO—About five persons were reportedly killed, while about 10 others sustained injuries in the early hours of yesterday when bandits invaded Kaffin-Koro and adjoining villages in Paikoro Local Government Area of Niger State.

It was gathered that the bandits stormed Kubi, Kudami, Abolo, Gwajau and Zonkolo villages with about 50 motorcycles.

Four of the injured victims have been referred to IBB Specialist

Hospital in Minna while others are currently receiving treatment at General Hospital, Kaffin-Koro.

Confirming the attack, the Senator representing Niger East senatorial district, where the attacks took place, Mohammed Sani Musa, said the attackers rustled over one thousand cattle.

The lawmaker condemned the criminal act, which according to him, had affected the development of the senatorial district.

Musa decried the fact that the people in the senatorial district

can no longer go to their farms for fear of the unknown, a development which he noted has led to hunger and starvation in the area.

At press time, Niger State Police Command was yet to issue any statement on the attacks.

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Meanwhile, the body of the chairman of Ardo Kola Local Government Area of Taraba State, Salihu Dovo, abducted in the

early hours of yesterday has been found dead.

Spokesman of Taraba State Police Command, DSP David Misal, said gunmen were said to have stormed the residence of the deceased around Sabon Gari, in Jalingo Local Government Area of the state about 1 am and whisked him away.

The late chairman was later found dead in the bush after a search team went after his abductors.

The police also said it had commenced investigation to unravel the mystery surrounding the death of the chairman.