

## ④ Bandits kill one, abduct many in Katsina

Meanwhile, one person, identified as Mallam Hassan Bako-Zago, was reportedly killed, Tuesday night, by bandits who invaded Batsari town in Batsari Local Government Area of Katsina State.

It was gathered that the over 1000 bandits that stormed the area also went away with many people.

A lawmaker representing Batsari constituency at the state House of Assembly, Jabiru Yau-Yau, confirmed the incident.

He said: "Bandits, yesterday (Tuesday) at about 10:30 pm attacked Batsari town. They killed one Mallam Hassan Bako-zago and kidnapped many other people. As we speak, we are trying to ascertain the actual number of those kidnapped but they are many."

When contacted, the spokesperson of the Katsina State Police Command, Gambo Isah, also confirmed the incident but said he could not ascertain the number of persons abducted.

He said the bandits came on 50 motorcycles, each carrying two persons, stormed the area to attack Batsari community but were repelled by a joint operation of Police and military.

"One person lost his life in the attack. And we also learned that they kidnapped some people. Many have run away and I believe many will return home later in the day," SP Isah stated.