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Gunmen kill 30 in fresh Niger attack

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MINNA—GUNMEN again invaded Sarkin Pawa, headquarters of Munyan local government area of Niger state, Tuesday, killing no fewer than thirty people.

The incident happened in Kachiwe village and spread to other adjoining villages in the area.

Vanguard gathered that the bandits are suspected to be part of those who were smoked out of their hideouts in Kaduna State.

They were said to have arrived in the village on Motorcycles fully armed and started shooting sporadically

to scare the villagers during which many people were killed.

From Kachiwe Village, the bandits reportedly took their onslaught into the adjoining communities where many were also killed.

Secretary to the Niger State Government, Alhaji Ahmed Ibrahim Matane, who confirmed the attack in a telephone conversation in Minna did not give the actual number of those who died from the attacks.

He said the State Government is not leaving any stone unturned in its efforts at ridding the state of crime and

appealed to Nigerlites to provide security agencies with credible information to succeed.

He also called on the Federal government to come to the rescue of the state.

"What is happening to us in Niger State in terms of insecurity is beyond our power and this is why we are calling on the Federal Government to come to our rescue immediately," the SSG pleaded.

Similarly, the state Commissioner of Police, Mr Monday Bala Kuryas, also confirmed the attack in a telephone interview in Minna adding that the Police have taken steps towards tracking

down the perpetrators of the criminal act.

"A team of policemen have been dispatched to the area to safeguard lives and properties of people of Sarkin Pawa," the Commissioner revealed.

He also confirmed that three people were killed during the attack of Kagara, Rafi local government council of the state by gunmen on Monday.

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