

# 5 policemen killed, 2 vehicles, PHC razed in fresh Niger attacks

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**MINNA — BANDITS** again struck in Rafi local government area of Niger State, allegedly killing five Mobile policemen and burning down two security vehicles and a Primary Health Care Centre.

The incident happened in Pangu Community in Rafi Local Government

Area of the state Tuesday night.

Vanguard reliably gathered that the bandits arrived at the community on motorcycles fully armed and started shooting sporadically to scare residents.

They were also said to have moved from house to house in search of foodstuffs and other handy materials.

The Mobile policemen, who got wind of the attack, rushed to the area and were ambushed by the bandits, who

succeeded in gunning down five of them.

A source, who confirmed the incident to Vanguard, said the communication Jam in the area is greatly affecting the free flow of communication to alert the security on the continuous invasion of the bandits in the area.

Meanwhile, the state Commissioner for Information and Strategy, Alhaji Mohammed Sani Idris, has decried the continuous raid of some communities in the state by bandits especially in the past weeks

Fielding questions from journalists at Government House, Minna, yesterday, on the Pangu attack, the Commissioner said the government was aware of the incessant attacks by bandits on some communities in Niger State but did not confirm the Tuesday attack.

According to him, "there have been attacks here and there in parts of the state in the past few weeks.

"No doubt, there is a rise in bandits attacks and nobody is safe. I cannot confirm that of the Pangu attack. If any Policemen died, were they killed in Pangu community? As a government, a lot of strategies have been put in place to stem these incessant attacks, which we cannot be publicising but we will continue with these strategies.

"In the past two weeks, the state government has been engaging heads of security agencies on how to end banditry and we are still planning but these are not what we should be saying on papers but I can assure you that we are doing the needful to the security agencies," he said.

## Illeges unlawful seizure of N63m property

● *We didn't seize any property, only demanded N20m balance — Salis Homes MD/CEO*

the seizure of the N63 million property, MD/CEO of Salis Ventilated Homes, Alhaji Saliu Abubakar, said the firm never seized any property or denied the transaction, but said the property they later offered was a three-bedroom flat against the initial two-bedroom flat transaction between his Executive Director, Benedict R. O. and their agent, hence the demand for additional N20 million.

According to Egboreshare, "the full payment of the property was made through transfer on November 16 and 17, 2020, by the agent to Salis Ventilated Homes, including a legal fee, which amounts to N63 million with a receipt of payment and deed issued and signed by the Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer, Alhaji Saliu Abubakar."

He emphasized that in the receipt of payment, it was stated clearly by Salis Ventilated Homes Limited, that the buyer has paid all fees regarding the property, but expressed surprise when the firm came up with an untrue story that the buyer was still owing N20 million after a deed of purchase showing the amount of N60 million had been signed and sealed by both parties.

Egboreshare explained, "It is unacceptable that a property that has been valued and both parties have come to terms and a deed was prepared, finalising the agreement between the assignor and the assignee, signed and sealed and one of the two parties to wake up and start speaking strange language could be viewed as a deceptive voice."