020 dead as bandits sack Zamfara communities

As government maps out fresh strategies to curtail insecurity, 20 dead bodies were found around a stream, a day after suspected bandits attacked Yan-Kukoki and Danbanda communities in Gummi LGA, of Zamfara State.

One of the residents, who escaped the attack told *The Cable* that the bandits came on Wednesday morning and that their intention was to steal cows. The villagers ran into the bush when the bandits started shooting.

"People were running, and some fell into the stream, some were shot at. We didn't know anything until we started seeing their bodies, and now we have counted 20," the

source said.

The residents said they had suspected the movement of the bandits around the area

about a week ago.

One of the village heads, it was learned, had called the authorities at the LGA to report the suspicious movement of the bandits.

The bandits were said to have infiltrated the communities and carried out simul-

taneous attacks,

"They came in large numbers around 9am," a resident of Yan-Kukoki said.

The bandits who were said to have used the Gummi-