

Bandits kill 11, rustle over 300 animals in Sokoto communities

SOKOTO—No fewer than 11 persons have been killed by bandits in two villages of Gandi District of Rabbah Local Government Area of Sokoto State in the last one week.

A source who spoke with our correspondent from one of the affected villages, confirmed that the attacks, which were launched in Gidan-Buwai and Maikujera within the council also resulted in the rustling of over 300 animals.

The separate attacks occurred in the two communities in less than a week.

The source, who gave his name as Salisu Gandi said the bandits, who attacked Gidan-Buwai community arrived at the village Monday night.

"They also rustled over 100 cows, 200 sheep and goats belonging to the community members as well as some residents of the community in the process," he said.

Gandi explained that the insurgents riding motorcycles numbering over 100 arrived and surrounded Gidan-Buwai village with sophisticated weapons and immediately started shooting

indiscriminately, killing and injuring people.

He described the attack as the worst incident as the bandits razed many houses, over 60 silos, 10 motorcycles and five vehicles, while seven people sustained injuries.

According to him, the bandits also burgled many shops and stole essential commodities and food items.

The gunmen also hunted vigilante members in the villages where they intensified a house-to-house search of the vigilante members.

Also a few days ago, the bandits also attacked Maikujera village and killed five while many people sustained injuries.

Victims who sustained injuries were admitted at the Trauma Centre of the Usmanu Danfodiyo University Teaching Hospital.

Contacted, spokesman for the state police command, Ahmad Rufa'i, confirmed the incident but declined to comment on the figures.

He assured residents that the Police would make their findings known to the general public upon completion of investigations.