

Nigeria: 317 students abducted from Zamfara school

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Suspected armed bandits raided a school dormitory in Zamfara overnight, a teacher and parent told AFP on Friday, raising fears of another mass kidnapping in the Northern region. "More than 300 girls are unaccounted for after a headcount of remaining students," said a teacher at the Government Girls Secondary School Jangebe who asked to remain anonymous.

He said the attack happened around 1:00 am (midnight GMT) but did not provide details on the number of students present in the school at the time.

[Rugu forest, which straddles Zamfara,](#) Katsina, Kaduna and Niger states.

The gangs are largely driven by financial motives and have no known ideological leanings. But there are concerns they are being infiltrated by jihadists.