

## NEWS

# Terror! Assailants kill mother, six children in Kano community

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**T**HE quiet Dorayi Chiranchi Quarters, in the ancient city of Kano, was thrown into deep mourning on Tuesday when news filtered into the area that Fatima Abubakar, a 35-year-old mother, and her six children had been brutally killed inside their home.

Sunday Tribune gathered that news of their death began as rumours and soon became a grim reality, leaving residents stunned as grief replaced the usual calm that defines the community.

Dorayi Chiranchi has long been known as a close-knit neighbourhood where neighbours live like extended family and incidents of violent crime are rare.

However, *Sunday Tribune* gathered that the discovery of the bodies sent shockwaves through the area, with residents struggling to reconcile the horror of the killings with the peaceful image of

their community.

Fatima, according to neighbours, had lived in the area for several years and was widely regarded as a quiet and respectful woman.

She was devoted to raising her children and largely kept to herself. Findings by *Sunday Tribune* learnt that she was not known to have quarrelled with anyone in the neighbourhood, a fact that has deepened the mystery surrounding her death and that of her children.

As details of the incident gradually emerged, fear and disbelief spread.

Residents told *Sunday Tribune* that the assailants allegedly killed Fatima and five of her children inside the house and threw the sixth, an infant, inside a well within the family compound. The motive for the attack remained unknown, and how the attackers gained access to the home is still unclear.

What is clear, residents insist, is the unprecedented nature of the crime. Many

described it as the most horrifying incident Dorayi Chiranchi has witnessed in recent memory.

*Sunday Tribune* learnt that some families have since restricted the movement of their children, while others now sleep with heightened alertness, gripped by fear.

The Kano State Police Command has since confirmed that a full-scale investigation has been launched.

In a statement signed by the Police Public Relations Officer, CSP Abdullahi Haruna Kiyawa, on behalf of the Commissioner of Police, the command disclosed that a distress call was received at about 12:10 p.m. on January 17, 2025, reporting a violent attack at the residence of Haruna Bashir in Dorayi Chiranchi Quarters.

Police identified the victims as Fatima Abubakar and her six children. *Sunday Tribune* gathered from the police statement that the attackers, whose identities are yet to be established, al-

legedly broke into the house and attacked the family with dangerous weapons.

Following the report, the Commissioner of Police, CP Ibrahim Adamu Bakori, immediately deployed officers to the scene, led by the Deputy Commissioner of Police in charge of Operations, DCP Lawal Isah Mani. The victims were rushed to the Murtala Mohammed Specialist Hospital in Kano, where medical personnel later confirmed their deaths.

Determined to unravel the circumstances behind the killings, CP Bakori directed the Assistant Commissioner of Police in charge of the Criminal Investigation Department, ACP Wada Jarma, to lead a comprehensive investigation. *Sunday Tribune* learnt that detectives have since begun intensive inquiries aimed at tracking down those responsible.

The police command also extended condolences to the bereaved family, residents of Dorayi Chiranchi, and the

people of Kano State, assuring the public that all efforts are being made to ensure justice is served.

Meanwhile, tension remains palpable in the neigh-

bourhood. *Sunday Tribune* gathered that residents have called on security agencies to increase patrols in the area, as fear and uncertainty continue to grip the community.

## Tinubu returns to Nigeria after Abu Dhabi trip

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PRESIDENT Bola Ahmed Tinubu returned to Nigeria on Saturday after his participation along with his ministers in the 2026 Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week (ADSW2026).

Detailing the gains of the trip, Bayo Onanuga, Special Adviser to the President

(Information & Strategy) disclosed that on the sidelines of the summit, Nigeria signed a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) with the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

"The agreement aims to deepen economic cooperation, boost bilateral trade and investment, enhance technology transfer, and expand collaboration across key sectors, including energy,

infrastructure, agriculture, mining, and renewable energy."

In his address, President Tinubu announced that a joint Nigeria-United Arab Emirates (UAE) INVESTOPIA will be held in Lagos in February, an initiative aimed at attracting global investors.

President Tinubu also told the Summit that Nigeria aims to mobilise up to \$30 billion annually in climate and green industrial finance as it accelerates energy transition reforms and expands nationwide electricity access.

Checks revealed that President Tinubu had last December departed Lagos for Europe, a trip explained as continuation of "his end-of-year break ahead of an official trip to Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates (UAE)."

## PDP to seek funding from members amidst internal crisis

Plans 10,000 contribution per person

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Ememobong, during a live television programme moni-

to voluntary contributions: "The strategy is simple: go

to ensure INEC recognises that process."

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