

Bandits Killed 9, Abducted 25 In 3 Month In Kaduna –Catholic Church



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Leaders of Kaduna Catholic Archdiocese have decried renewed bandits attacks and killings on communities under the Pastoral care of Saints Peter and Paul Parish, Kurmin Dangana District in Kagarko Local Government Area of the state.

During the incidents, no fewer than nine persons were reportedly killed and 25 others abducted in separate attacks within the last three months, according to the church leaders.



These was disclosed in a statement issued weekend and signed by the Archdiocesan Chancellor, Rev. Fr. Christian Okewu Emmanuel. According to the statement, the latest attack occurred on Thursday at the Kurmin Bongo outstation where terrorists invaded the community between 10pm and 1am during a heavy rainfall.

The statement added that despite efforts by vigilante groups to repel the attackers, five innocent lives were taken while 10 others were abducted during the invasion. It however stated that two of those abducted were later rescued through the efforts of the vigilantes.

The statement further revealed that earlier unreported attacks took place at Kasaru-B outstation on March 2 and Sabon Gari outstation on May 1.

“During the Kasaru-B attack, one person was shot dead while another sustained multiple gunshot injuries. Eight persons, including the Mai Wa’azi, were abducted by the terrorists. Although some of the victims later regained freedom, two abductees were killed in captivity,” it stated.

It stressed that the attack on Sabon Gari occurred barely two weeks after the release of victims abducted from Kasaru-B. “Two persons sustained gunshot injuries during the invasion while 10 others were abducted. One of the victims was later killed in captivity,” it added.

The archdiocese condemned the incessant attacks and called on government and security agencies to intensify efforts towards protecting lives and property in vulnerable rural communities.

“The repeated attacks have displaced affected persons and thrown the communities into untold sorrow, fear and uncertainty,” it said. The church lamented the worsening insecurity in the area, saying residents now live in constant fear following repeated incidents of killings, abductions and destruction of livelihoods.