

1 Killed, 11 Abducted, Including 3 Nursing Mothers, Their Infants, In Kaduna Village Attack



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Armed terrorists have reportedly attacked Ungwan Atiku Village in Kachia Local Government Area of Kaduna State, killing one person and abducting 11 others, including three nursing mothers and their infants.

Former media aide to the late Kaduna State Governor, Sir Patrick Ibrahim Yakowa, Reuben Buhari, disclosed this in a post on his verified social media page. According to Buhari, the attackers shot and killed Mr. Joseph Simon before taking away 11 residents, in the incident that occurred on Sunday, June 28, in the area.

The abducted persons were identified as Deborah David and her infant, Rejoice Jonathan and her infant, Deborah Aminu and her infant, Loise Geoffrey, Gerard Geoffrey, Mercy Timothy, Jummai Sunday, and Wisdom Doctor.

The incident comes as 48 residents kidnapped in earlier attacks on Awon and Ariko communities remain in captivity, according to the source. Buhari stated that 11 people abducted from Awon have spent 72 days in captivity, while 37 worshippers and other residents from Ariko have been held for 88 days.

Survivors who have escaped from captivity reported harsh conditions in the camps. A 65-year-old woman who escaped after 54 days said about 80 captives, including women, children and elderly persons, were being held without footwear to prevent escape.

She said captives survived on mangoes, boiled leaves and stream water, and that children were suffering from skin infections while women and children had widespread lice infestation.

She also narrated how a pregnant woman delivered in captivity without medical personnel, with fellow captives assisting. One woman reportedly cut the baby's umbilical cord with her teeth, and rainwater was later used to clean the mother and child.

"Some victims have recently regained freedom. Six school children, their driver and two other adults abducted along the Akwando-Kachia road in April were released after 36 days.