

...Diocese, Rt. Rev. John Bamgboye; and CAN's First Vice-Chairman, Rev. Kunle Adeyemo, during the state CAN's visit to Osogbo...yesterday

Gunmen Kill Four in Adamawa

●Police arrest three fake terrorists in Kano

Daji Sani in Yola and **Ibrahim Shualbu** in Kano

Some unknown gunmen yesterday killed one soldier, a police man, and an 80-year-old woman, including her grand daughter, leaving two soldiers and several persons injured in Song Local Government Area of Adamawa State.

In Kano, three fake terrorists were also arrested by the police, after they were alleged to be sending threat text messages to wealthy individuals and politicians demanding huge amounts of money or threaten to kill them.

But an eyewitness told THISDAY through a telephone interview that the gunmen, who stormed Song local government area of the state, came in a large number at about 1.30 a.m. yesterday, setting ablaze the Police Divisional headquarters and the local government secretariat.

The eyewitness disclosed further that the gunmen divided themselves into two groups, some members of the gang, who were heavily armed went to the police station situated at the heart of the town, shooting sporadically before setting the station on fire.

The other gang headed for their

next target, the local government secretariat, ransacked it before setting it ablaze, as a result, some houses close to the building were also burnt down.

The attack is coming barely a week after a similar attack by gunmen in Maiha Local Government Area of the state, led to the death of 20 people in the state.

Confirming the incident in a telephone interview with THISDAY in Yola, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Mr. Mohammed Ibrahim, a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), said it was true that there was an attack on some government formations.

He also stated that himself and his men were at the scene of the attack, one soldier, a policeman, and an 80-year-old woman, including her grand daughter, were killed in the attack, which left two soldiers and several persons injured.

He added that the Divisional Police headquarters and the local government secretariat were also set ablaze by the gunmen.

The spokesman, however, appealed to residents to go about their lawful activities as the police were doing their best to protect them.

Meanwhile, Kano State Police Commissioner, Ibrahim Idris, said the three suspects, who were indigenes of Maiduguri, the Borno State capital, residing at Naibawa quarters in Kano, confessed not being members of a terrorists group, whose modus operandi was to make calls across to their unsuspecting victims, in the guise of being members of the terrorists group.

Addressing journalists in Kano yesterday, Idris said the suspects were Mohammed Hassan, Abati Hassan and Babandi Mohammed, stating that they were cooperating with investigators on the issue, following which they would be charged to court, after the completion of the investigation.

"During the search of their residence at Naibawa Gabas it was discovered that they were living in posh apartment and in an expensive lifestyle," he disclosed.

Speaking further, the police commissioner stated that two suspects were arrested at Kukar Bulukiya Cemetery with a Honda Civic vehicle with registration number BG 810 NSR loading three large sacks suspected to be incriminating items.