

11 killed in fresh Jos attacks

From Andrew Agbese, Jos

ELEVEN persons have been killed in two separate night attacks on two different villages near Jos last Sunday. The attacks were on Dabwak village in Jos South local government of the state and another one on Targom-Babale in Jos North local government.

The attack on Dabwak was said to have occurred around 8:30 pm on Sunday while that of Targom-Babale happened around 9 pm. Four persons who are members of a family including a 74-year-old grandfather, his wife and two

of their grandchildren aged 9 and 11, were killed in the attack on Dabwak.

Eleven others with various degrees of injuries are currently at the Vom Christian Hospital in Kuru where they are receiving treatment. Some of them had matchet cuts and other bullet wounds.

The attack on Targom-Babale was said to have been carried out around 9 pm on Sunday during which seven members of a family including two women and their children were killed.

The attackers were said to have

arrived the village in three Vectra cars which they parked across the road and invaded the village setting two houses ablaze while cutting down any person they meet.

One of the villagers, who gave her name as Talatu, said she hid in the bush and observed as the attackers descended on the village while shooting and communicating with torch lights as they moved.

Special adviser to the Plateau State governor on Media, Ayuba Pam Dangwong, who confirmed the incident while paying a visit to those injured said the account of

most of the victims indicated a premeditated attack on the affected community. He said the state government will do all within its powers to ensure the security of lives and property in the state.

Our correspondent observed that two of the bodies in one of the houses, were burnt beyond recognition. The villagers were seen weeping loudly when newsmen visited the village.

Chairman of Jos North, Timothy Buba, condemned the attack saying anybody that would visit that kind of injury on another is inhuman. He said it was obvious

from the accounts of the villagers that the attack was done with the connivance of the military and called for the withdrawal of the military from the area.

There were protests around the Mararaban Jema'a intersection to Jos as the protesters blocked the road preventing vehicles from either entering or leaving Jos. Four vehicles (trailers) passing by were burnt down by the protesters.

The STF spokesman Cpt. Charles Ekeocha had on Sunday denied military involvement in the attacks on Jos villages saying the allegations lack basis.



FROM right: Osemawe of Ondo Kingdom Oba Victor Kiladejo, Ondo State Governor Dr. Olusegun Mimiko and the Deji of Akure Oba Adebisi Adesida, during the Thanksgiving service held to commemorate the Deji's 61st birthday anniversary at the St David Anglican Cathedral in Akure Yesterday.

Armed bandits kill ex-army chief's son

From Ibrahim Abdul'Aziz, Yola

A gang of armed bandits on Sunday attacked and killed Mr. Levi Nyat, son of the former Chief of Army Staff, Lt. Gen. Luka Yusuf, and another student of the American University of Nigeria, AUN, Yola.

Reports say that Levi, a serving soldier and student of the same university was killed by the gang of robbers with another student, Mr. Abaagu Charles on Sunday night at a suya spot near the Jimeta main market in Yola, Adamawa State capital.

President of the university Dr. Margee Ensign who announced the death of the two students said the family members of the deceased have since been contacted by the university authorities and are already on their way to Yola.

The student victims were said to have gone to the Jimeta township to buy suya when the robbers attacked them, taking away their vehicle. The Jimeta market is about 14 kilometres away from the campus of the American University of Nigeria.

Other student colleagues who were with their deceased managed to escape from the scene as a scuffle between the robbers and the two friends ensued.

Details of the incident, which led to the sudden death of the two students, were still scanty but the Adamawa Police Command said it was investigating the matter.

The command PPRO, Altine Daniel said: "We are still investigating the matter for now."

Panic in Kaduna over rumours of explosion

From Isa Sa'idu, Kaduna

RUMOURS of bomb explosion in the Kakuri area of Kaduna South yesterday caused panic and apprehension among residents of the city.

In the afternoon of yesterday, phone calls were circulating informing residents of a bomb blast at Kakuri area of the metrop-

olis. After investigation, however, it appeared that the bomb blast story was a rumour that emanated from no identifiable source.

Contrary to the bomb blast rumours that circulated in the city centre, on the other hand, some elements had filtered into the Kakuri area with the news of crisis at the city centre.

"As you can see there is no problem here in Kakuri. We are even surprised to hear from you that there is bomb blast here contrary to what we have been hearing since morning that there was crisis in the city centre," a resident of Kakuri, Dauda Kantoma, told *Daily Trust*.

Reacting to the development,

the special assistant to Kaduna State governor on Media and Publicity, Mr Reuben Buhari urged residents of the city to shun all such rumours as, according to him peace now reigns in the city, saying: "We are living peacefully in Kaduna and we would continue to live in peace. People should shun all those types of rumours."

Cholera outbreak kills 10 in Bauchi

From Ahmed Mohammed, Bauchi

ABOUT 10 people were confirmed dead as a result of the outbreak of cholera in Warji Local Government Area of Bauchi State. The caretaker committee chairman of the area, Alhaji Adamu Yahaya disclosed this to newsmen while speaking on the development.

He said the affected people died one after the other following the outbreak of the disease in the local government which has being of serious concern to the government and the people of the area.

The caretaker chairman explained that apart from the 10 people that have died, about 30 others were hospitalized as a result of

the killer disease, saying that such people were now receiving treatment at the government hospital in the area.

He however assured that the local government has taken measures in order to curtail the situation especially on enlightening the public on the importance of keeping their environment clean and to ensure

they washed their hands before eating any food.

Alhaji Yahaya stated that a team of professionals have been mobilized to the affected areas and other not affected to prevent the further outbreak. He then advised people to always report any outbreak to health personnel in their respective areas.