

UNKNOWN GUNMEN KILL 7 IN KADUNA VILLAGE

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...Yero orders investigation into attack

At least seven people were killed in the early hours yesterday by unknown gunmen who attacked Manchok village in Kaura Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

Weekly Trust gathered that the gunmen surrounded the house of the victims around 1am and set it ablaze. They also opened fire on those who tried to escape.

The attack came barely a week after a Chinese railway worker and a Nigerian were killed in the nearby Kirim village on the border of Kaduna and Plateau states.

Kaura local government area has experienced series of attacks since April 2013, which had claimed hundreds of lives and destroyed property worth millions of naira.

Chairman of Kaura Local Government, Hon. Kumai Badu, who confirmed the attack told Weekly Trust, that the deceased were all members of the same family, adding that the police have begun investigation into the attack.

Weekly Trust reports that schools in the area and the Friday market were closed as a result of the attack, while security agents were seen patrolling some affected communities.

There were reports of reprisal attack by angry youths who burnt a mosque and some Fulani hamlets.

Meanwhile, Kaduna State Governor Mukhtar Ramalan Yero has directed security agencies to determine the remote and immediate causes of the attack in Ungwar Kajit in Manchok Community of Kaura Local Government.

The Governor who visited the scene yesterday described the attack as "heinous, ungodly and condemnable."

Yero's media aide Ahmed Maiyaki said "Yero has already ordered full investigation into the attack and has promised to empower community surveillance by vigilante groups in areas that have become prone to attacks to complement formal security arrangements towards forestalling reoccurrence. He called on people in the community to remain calm as Government will scale up its strategies to improve security, especially in border communities adding that Government will look at ways of dealing with this situation, because this community is porous and we must find a way to improve security."

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