

Herder killed in counter-attack in Zangon Kataf

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One herder was reportedly killed yesterday in a counter-killing at Sabanfan village of Zangon Kataf Local Government Area.

Reports say the herder, Kaminu Suleiman, was macheted to death by unknown assailants while grazing his herd.

Confirming the incident, the Kaduna State Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, said troops responded to information of the attack and found the corpse bearing machete cuts buried in the mud by the river bank.

This killing is the latest in a sequence of attacks and counter-attacks after four locals were killed Monday in Wawan Rafi II village of the local government.

These violent incidents have taken place against the backdrop of three community leaders who have been missing since March 21, 2021.

They are Ardo Pate Usman Kurmi (Wakilin Fulanin Atyap Chieftdom), Ardo Muhammadu Anchau and Yakubu Muhammadu.

Kaduna State Governor Nasir Ahmad el-Rufa'i noted with dismay the persistence of killings, counter-killings and destruction of crops and livestock in the area, despite the sincerest efforts of the government, security agencies and traditional authorities.

He reminded all parties of the importance of recourse to the law as the only solution to the bloodshed, a position held clearly and consistently since 2015.

He stressed that government would nevertheless remain resolute in its efforts to restore peace and security to the general area.