

# 14 killed, houses burnt in Southern Kaduna attack

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**A**t least fourteen persons have been killed in a fresh attack on Mado village, Mabushi in Atyp Chiefdom of Zangon Kataf Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

The attack launched by unknown gunmen on Saturday night also left three persons injured and three houses burnt.

Speaking to *Daily Trust* on the incident, the chairman, Atyp Chiefdom Peace and Security Partnership Committee, (ACSPSPC), Mr John Bala Gora described the incident as

unfortunate.

Bala Gora wondered at the reason behind the incessant attacks despite efforts at restoring peace.

He renewed his appeal to security operatives to redouble efforts at securing the defenceless and peace-loving people of the chiefdom.

In a reprisal attack, a Fulani settlement in Kankada, Madakiya District in Bajju Chiefdom of Zangon Kataf Local Government Area was completely burnt down Sunday morning.

Halima Haruna, a female resident of the torched settlement, who was rescued and taken to

Zonkwa Divisional Police Station, told *Daily Trust* that the attackers surrounded their community in the early hours of Sunday.

A wife to the Ardo of Kankada, Haruna, said she saw two corpses, man and a woman, on her way to hide somewhere.

"We were forced to run and hide somewhere while some of our people ran to the bush for their safety.

"We don't know what happened to them as I am speaking with you now, we spent three hours before the security arrived and took us to the police station here in Zonkwa. Our houses were totally razed," she

said. She said the attackers told them that they want to take revenge of what happened to them Saturday night somewhere around Samaru Kataf, "which we know nothing about."

In the past one week, four villages in Atyp chiefdom have come under separate attacks with scores killed, many injured and several houses burnt.

Confirming both incidents to our reporter, the Police Public Relations Officer, Kaduna State, ASP Muhammed Jalige said policemen have been deployed to the attacked community.

He called on the people Zangon

Kataf in particular and the people of Southern Kaduna in general, to stop taking laws into their hands.

A statement by Kaduna State Government said nine corpses were recovered from the first attack that occurred at Mado, while three were killed in the second attack at Kankada.

"One car, three houses and eight herders' huts were burnt and destroyed. The military and police arrived the scene and evacuated scores of herders to safety," said the statement signed by the state's Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan.