

Bandits Hit Kaduna Church, Gun Down Three

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The victims were identified as Peter Madaki (Ward head of Ungwan Fada), Elisha Ezekiel, (Resident of Ungwan Fada) and Ali Zamani (Youth leader of Rubu).

Daily Trust gathered that two persons were left injured in the attacks —one Aniro Mai, a yet unidentified woman and an unspecified number of locals were also kidnapped.

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“The bandits came on motorcycles and attacked our people shortly after closing from church service. The

two communities attacked were inside Rubu village. The ward head of Anguwar Fada is among those killed," a resident who simply identified himself as Maigari said.

He stated that other worshippers escaped through the nearby bush.

While confirming the incident, the State Commissioner, Internal Security, and Homes Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, said the attackers started from Ungwan Fada and moved into Ungwan Turawa, before Ungwan Makama and then Rubu village.

He explained that the bandits looted shops and carted away some valuables from the villages.

Aruwan said, "On a sad note, security agencies have reported to the Kaduna State Government that bandits attacked worshippers and locals at Ungwan Fada, Ungwan Tarawa, and Ungwan Makama in Rubu general area of Kajuru local government area.

"Receiving the report, the Acting Governor, Dr Hadiza Sabuwa Balarabe, expressed deep sadness and condemned the attack in the strongest terms. She sent her sincere condolences to the families of the deceased victims, as she prayed for the repose of their souls."

Aruwan said security patrols were being conducted in the general area as investigations proceed.