

# Bandits gun down worshippers in Kaduna mosque

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**G**unmen on Friday around 8pm attacked worshippers in a mosque in Saya-Saya village in Ikara LGA of Kaduna State and killed seven people.

Five of the victims were gunned down in the mosque, while two were killed at different locations in the area.

A resident, Dan Asabe, said

two other villagers who sustained gunshot wounds were rushed to the hospital.

The Village Head, Malam Abdulrahman Yusuf, who confirmed the incident, said the head of the vigilantes in the village was among the victims killed inside the mosque.

He explained that, "We suspect they traced him (vigilante boss) to the mosque. We were inside the mosque praying when they arrived and started shooting. Five

persons were killed in the mosque, while a driver who brought food items to the village was also killed. The other person was killed in a nearby village."

He said security agencies comprising soldiers and police from Ikara town and the Palgore area arrived at the scene around 12am but that by then the bandits had already left the village.

The acting spokesman the state's police command, Mansir Alhassan, who confirmed the

incident, said security personnel had been mobilised to nearby bushes to fish out the perpetrators.

Meanwhile, the Kaduna State Governor, Senator Uba Sani, expressed strong determination to apprehend the perpetrators of the attack.

Governor Sani said this during the groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of the 21.7km Anchau-Gadas-Palla Road in Kubau and Ikara LGAs held on Saturday.