Seven Killed In Fresh Attack On Kwara Community



No fewer than seven people were killed when gunmen suspected to be members of the new terrorist group, Mahmuda, attacked communities in Baruten and Kaiama local government areas of Kwara State.

Daily Trust gathered that the assailants, who were on military camouflage riding motorcycles, stormed a market square at 9:30 pm on Monday and opened fire on the residents before they zoomed off.

Four Fulanis, a vigilante and a 19-year-old youth who was hit by a stray bullet reportedly lost their lives during the deadly incident.

According to a resident of the area, the fresh incident is coming in the wake of a similar attack the same day in neighbouring Kaiama where a vigilante was killed.

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Speaking on the Baruten incident, a source said: "We suspect that they came with a premeditated motive because they fired at the Fulanis at close range shooting them in the head. The vigilante was holding a dane gun and they saw him as a threat. But the boy was hit by a stray bullet.

"The place is a very popular trading spot with a lot of business and commercial activities. It was a sudden attack believed to be a reprisal over alleged collaboration with the security agencies against the terrorists".

Confirming the incident, police spokeswoman, SP Adetoun Ejire-Adeyemi, said the "two grievous incidents that occurred on Sunday in Baruten and Kaiama are under investigation.

"At about 2130hrs, suspected armed men, numbering ten, stormed the Ilesha Baruba Motor Park and opened fire indiscriminately at civilians gathered at a nearby relaxation spot.

"As a result, six persons identified as Alhaji Ja'awire, AbdulJabar, Mohammed Nasamu and three others lost their lives, while two others sustained serious gunshot injuries.

"The deceased have been deposited at the Ilesha Baruba Morgue for autopsy, while the injured are receiving treatment. An investigation has been initiated, and full security measures have been implemented to ensure the perpetrators are brought to justice.