

In a related development, unknown gunmen in the early hours of yesterday killed two persons at Asso community in Jema'a council area of Kaduna State. The victims were reportedly ambushed while returning to their village after taking a sick relation to a hospital in Kafanchan.

Efforts to confirm the incident from the state police command were futile, as the force public relations officer (PPRO), ASP Aliyu Mukhtar, neither took nor returned the calls put to his mobile phone as at press time.

But the member representing Jema/Sanga Federal Constituency in the House of Representatives, Nicholas Shehu Garba, confirmed the incident to newsmen, saying: "This will be the third time that an attack will be carried out from the uncompleted Asso bridge."

He went on: "This unfortunate incident is coming less than a week after the killings at Bakin Kogi in Kaninkon chieftdom where six persons were brutally murdered by unknown gunmen.

"That these attacks are being perpetrated in the absence of any provocation and despite the presence of security personnel within the vicinity are an affirmation that a silent war has been declared on our communities by agents of darkness.