

Again, Armed Bandits Invade Zangon Kataf, Kill Two, Set Houses Ablaze

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DESPITE the Southern Kaduna Peace Summit, armed Fulani herdsmen invaded Zangon Kataf yesterday, setting houses on fire and injuring several villagers in a shootout.

The intervention of the military under Operation Safe Heaven reportedly prevented what would have resulted in heavy casualties.

Officials of the Southern Kaduna Peoples Union (SOKAPU) condemned the fresh attack in a statement.

"This morning, Manyi-Mashin village, in Zamandabo ward, in Atyap Chiefdom, Zangon Kataf Local Government Area (LGA) in Southern Kaduna, was invaded by hordes of Fulani armed men who burnt down almost all the houses in the village, looting and carting away valuables," SOKAPU said.

According to the National Public Relations Officer of the group, Luka Binniyat, "two people were burnt in their homes beyond recognition," adding: "Their names are Cecilia Ishaya and Iliya Sunday."