

Terrorists kill six, kidnap 19 in Katsina, Kaduna

From Danjuma Michael (Katsina),
Saxone Akhaine, Abdulganiyu
Alabi (Kaduna) and Njadvara
Musa (Maiduguri)

- Set Catholic Church, two houses ablaze
- COAS orders troops to rid Borno of bandits

GUNMEN, Saturday night, shot one person dead, and wounded several others at Maikada community, in Safana Council of Katsina State.

The gunmen, who reportedly stormed the village in their numbers, also abducted 10 women and carted away valuables that include money and food items.

The Galadiman Kuduru, 91-year-old Alhaji Ibrahim Kuduru, was kidnapped penultimate Friday night by suspected bandits at Kuduru village in Kankia council area.

Spokesperson for the police command in the state, SP Gambo Isah, was yet to respond to inquiry made on the Maikada incident as at

time of this report.

ALSO in Kaduna State, three people have reportedly been killed and one injured in separate attacks in Kajuru Council at the weekend.

The state's security update February 20, 2021 stated that some youths allegedly collaborated with the terrorists in the attack.

A statement signed by the Commissioner for Security and Internal Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, stressed that security agencies were still investigating the alleged collaboration of some locals in the attacks.

"As security agencies probed this further, one such suspect simply known as 'Doctor' from Kujeni village was lynched by youths of Maro in revenge.

"Just before his death, he confessed his involvement in the attack, and named a certain Fidelis Ali, also from Maro, as another accomplice of the bandits. Ali has since been arrested and taken into custody by the police," it stated.

SOME other terrorists, yesterday, set Holy Family Catholic Church and two houses ablaze in Kikwari village, Kajuru.

The commissioner said the report received by the government indicated that the locals fled the area on receiving information that some terrorists were sighted outside the village.

"On getting to the location, the armed bandits had set ablaze the place of worship and the two houses.

"The governor has directed the Kaduna State Emergency Management Agency to urgently assess the damage done and take appropriate action. Security agencies will sustain patrols in the area." He stated.

IN the same Kaduna, bandits invaded Baka village in Igabi Council and killed two persons, according to Aruwan, who also said they kidnapped nine persons in Sabon Birni area.

Aruwan said the bandits attacked the residence of the late Dan'azumi Musa, who was killed alongside his son by bandits a week ago.

"In the latest attack, a brother to the deceased, one Sale Musa and his son, Amiru Sale Musa, were shot dead. The bandits, operating in groups, also abducted a number of persons, mostly women and children.