

Terrorists kill 12, raze homes in Katsina

From **Odita Sunday** (Abuja),
Danjuma Michael (Katsina) and
Saxone Akhaine (Kaduna)

NO fewer than 12 persons have been reported killed and several others injured by terrorists who attacked Ilela community in Safana Local Council of Katsina State.

The incident, which occurred at the weekend, also saw several homes ransacked and burnt.

It was learnt that the assailants stormed the community to counter a repentant terrorist, Mani Turwa, who was said to be protecting the community against attacks.

Sources said they initially engaged Turwa and his team in a gun duel, during which they were repelled.

The Guardian gathered that the terrorists thereafter

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turned their anger on the community, plundering and burning most of the houses.

Police Public relations Officer (PPRO), SP Gambo Isah, confirmed the incident but said he could not ascertain the casualty figure.

In a related development, gunmen shot at vehicle on Sunday afternoon along the Batsari/Jibia road.

The PPRO was yet to confirm the Batsari incident as at the time of filing this report.

HOWEVER, the Nigerian Army high command has said troops of 120 Task Force Battalion, Sector 2, Joint Task Force (JTF), North East (NE) Operation Hadin Kai (OPHK), eliminated terrorists in a fierce encounter at Goniri, Yobe State.

Army spokesman, Brig-Gen.

Onyema Nwachukwu, said yesterday: "Troops recorded this feat in conjunction with members of the Civilian Joint Task Force (CJTF). In a clearance action, code-named, 'Operation Dominance 1' along the insurgents' route of manoeuvre at Ngirbua village, the gallant troops neutralised two Boko Haram/ISWAP terrorists, following a ferocious battle, while others, bowing to the troops' superior firepower, retreated in disarray."

MEANWHILE, the Kaduna Government will present its security report for 2021 today.

The Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, is expected to present the year-

ly report to Governor Nasir el-Rufai.

Besides, the ministry will also present the security report for the fourth quarter of 2021 at the event, which will be held at the Council Chambers of Sir Kashim Ibrahim House.

El-Rufai, in 2019, established the Ministry of Internal Security, the first by any state government in the country and appointed Aruwan as commissioner.

Aruwan stated: "The ministry has introduced openness in reportage of security incidents with daily updates, quarterly reports and yearly reports. This reflects a commitment to transparency and the strength of the relationship the ministry has built with security agencies that trust it to responsibly handle security data."