

Terrorists kill 10 in Katsina, abduct village head, others

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GUNMEN have killed at least 10 persons and abducted unspecified number of people at Guga village, Bakori Local Council of Katsina State.

Among those abducted is the village head, Mallam Umar, and several women and children that were unable to escape from the terrorists.

The incident, which occurred late Monday night into the early hours of yesterday, also saw several houses vandalised, animals rustled and vehicles set ablaze.

The attackers were said to have stormed the village on motorcycles with sophisticated weapons, shooting sporadically to register their presence, then began moving from one house to another, looting valuables.

Eldest son of the village

head, identified as Abdullahi, confirmed the attack and the abduction of his father while he was asleep.

Spokesperson for the police command in the state, SP Gambo Isah, confirmed the incident yesterday, but did not give details.

FOUR days after a 24-hour curfew was declared in Kagara, Rafi Local Council of Niger State, by security agents and council officials,

The Guardian gathered that the curfew has now been reviewed from 10a.m. to 4:00a.m.

The review was reportedly due the untold hardship faced by the residents.

Locals told *The Guardian* that since the authorities announced the total lockdown of the town last week, inhabitants had been thrown into frustration, as many households ran out of foodstuff and cash.

IN another development, Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association (MACBAN), Plateau State chapter, has rejected a bill for the establishment of State Livestock Transformation Programme (SLTP), saying the bill is meant to rob and annihilate Fulani herders of their lawful belongings when it becomes a law.

Addressing newsmen in Jos, yesterday, the Chairman, Muhammad Abdullahi, who

accused the House of Assembly of improper consultation over the bill, urged the executive and legislature to have a rethink.

According to him, the bill will cause a revolt and breach of law and order, citing Benue State where the law is in practice.

THE Minister of Police Affairs, Dr. Muhammad Dingyadi, has said that the inter-agency collaboration initiative is to advance and unify various security agencies to achieve effective delivery of services, to stimulate economic growth and national development.

