

Bandits lynch 12, raze houses, kidnap others in Kaduna

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AT least 12 persons have been killed, and nine others brutally injured by bandits who attacked Gindin Dutse Makyali village of Kufana district in Kajuru Local Council of Kaduna State.

The Guardian gathered that the bandits, who also razed 17 houses, kidnapped many in the area.

Police authorities in Kaduna have not confirmed the incident, but a community leader, Moses Musa, told newsmen that the attack took place in the early hours of yesterday near a military checkpoint.

He said that the bandits

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invaded the community around 5.00 a.m. as the residents were still asleep and started shooting sporadically.

According to him, nine people were burnt to death inside their rooms, while nine others sustained varying degrees of injuries from fire burns.

The community leader also disclosed that 17 houses were burnt by the bandits during the attack that lasted for hours without any resistance.

Meanwhile, in a statement by the spokesperson of Southern Kaduna Peoples Union (SOKAPU), Josiah

Abraks, the bandits had earlier attacked Kwassam community on Friday night.

He also said 50 people were kidnapped by the bandits in another attack at Sabon Layin village at the same time.

The Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, said: "While working with security forces and other critical stakeholders on mitigating security challenges, Governor Uba Sani received security reports on renewed bandits attack resulting in loss of lives, kidnappings and

destruction of properties in Kajuru and Igabi.

"He also directed the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) to, as a matter of urgency, assist the affected communities in Kajuru and Igabi."

MEANWHILE, troops of Sector 2, Operation Hadin Kai (OPHK), have killed four Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) terrorists in Yobe State.

The troops on February 16, 2024, also rescued two female passengers and their children in Buni/Yadi, 54 kilometres south of Damaturu.

Intelligence sources told Zagazola Makama, a counter-insurgency expert, in the Lake Chad region that the terrorists were neutralised in Lamisuri village of Gujba Local Council.

FG to establish research museum in Maiduguri

From **Njadvara Musa**, Maiduguri

IN partnership with the Borno State government, the Federal Government will establish a Kanem museum for research and historical documentations for the country in Maiduguri.

The centre will also be a tourists' site for the preservation of Borno cultural heritage.