

Ten Killed, Several Injured As Gunmen Attack Kaduna Community

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Kaduna – Ten persons have been reportedly killed while several others sustained injuries following a night attack on a Southern Kaduna community by unknown gunmen.

Daily Independent learnt that some unknown gunmen at night attacked Ungwan Paa-Gwandara village in Godogodo Chiefdom of Jema'a Local Government Area of Kaduna State and left behind sorrow, tears, and blood.

Yakubu Sabo, the Police Public Relations Officer, confirmed to *Daily Independent* that contrary to rumours that about 15 people were killed, the report he had on his table was that 10 people were killed while several others were injured.

He said the Southern Kaduna village was attacked about 9p.m.

DSP Sabo disclosed that the wounded were receiving treatment at a hospital in the area.

Sources said nine corpses of victims of the attack were still in Jagindi, adding that about 8:00p.m, community members were rounding off prayers during a celebration of a married couple when the gunmen moved in and opened fire on them.

According to the source, "They shot indiscriminately before leaving the venue unchallenged."

The PPRO assured that the police and other security operatives had been drafted to the area to safeguard lives and property of the residents of the area.

He said the police command had called on the youths to remain calm and not take the law into their own hands.

Sabo appealed to residents of the area against reprisals, pleading with them to remain calm and be law-abiding while assuring that everything would be done to ensure that justice was done.

Daily Independent learnt also that officials of Mercy Corps, Community Peace Partnership (CPP), Jema'a and Kaduna State Peace Commission and other civil society organisations working in the area for the sustenance of peace building process were on the ground to assess the situation.

They advised the people of Jema'a and environs against reprisal, but urged them to remain calm and support security operatives, the government, and their organisations in unveiling those who were behind the disturbance of the peace of the society.
