

and Abdulahi Ganduje, Governor, Kano State, during Elumelu's conferment with honorary doctor of business by Bayero University, Kano, for his foremost contribution to Africa's economic development through the promotion of entrepreneurship and philanthropy in Kano at the weekend.

Bandits Kill 37 In Zamfara, Katsina Communities

SEGUN OLANIYAN
KATSINA

1. an attack in Tungar Kafau and Gidan Wawa communities in Shinkafi Local Government Area of Zamfara State.

on Saturday at Jeka-Areda village in Kankara Local Government Area of Katsina State.

Officer of Zamfara Police Command, said this in a statement in Gusau on Sunday, noting that

Bandits have killed 34 persons in 2. They also killed three persons

On Zamfara attack, SP Muhammad Shehu, Public Relations

CONTINUES ON P4

Bandits Kill 37 In Zamfara, Katsina Communities

← CONTINUED FROM P1

the bandits launched the attack on Friday.

Shehu said the state Commissioner of Police, Usman Nagogo, was among the state government delegation led by the Deputy Governor, Mahadi Aliyu-Gusau, to the affected villages for burial of the deceased.

"The CP has already directed the combined security personnel deployed to the area to improve and sustain the ongoing bush combing of the affected areas and environs for possible arrest of perpetrators of the dastardly act.

"He further directed the command's Criminal Investigation Department (CID) to conduct discreet investigations with a view to unravelling the circumstances behind the crime.

"Whoever is involved in this dastardly act will be made to face the full wrath of the law. Normalcy has been restored in the affected communities," he said.

According to him, the command in collaboration with other security agencies have made adequate security arrangements for all villages and communities in the state.

He appealed to members of the public to always give the police credible and timely information as well as report strange and suspicious characters for prompt action.

Residents said the attackers had a field day as there was no resistance from security operatives.

According to a resident, Shehu Shinkafi, "We heard gunshots and saw people running for shelter, chased by men on motorbikes.

"We immediately took cover in a house nearby,

and after the bandits were done with their killing spree they moved to a nearby village," he said, adding that he counted 12 bodies in his village alone.

The gang left without any resistance as there were no security agents in the area, and it was only after the massacre that police arrived hours later, Shinkafi said.

Similarly, armed bandits also attacked and killed three persons at Jekka-Areda village in Kankara Local Government Area of Katsina State.

An eyewitness whose father was amongst the six persons brutally injured and now receiving treatment at the Federal Medical Centre in Katsina, Abdullahi Fanyu, said the bandits came about 6p.m.

According to him, the armed bandits who came on motorcycles and armed with sophisticated weapons rustled hundreds of cows and sheep.

Amongst those killed was a married woman, while two other nursing mothers were amongst those attacked and now receiving medical attention.

Alhaji Yusuf Lawal, the Sarkin Pauwan Katsina District, Head of Kankara, and officials of the local government council, have visited the village and assured the victims of assistance.

The local government council has commenced the immediate settling of the medical bills of affected victims.

In a related development, armed bandits have also killed one person and injured the Chief Imam of Santar-Nakandi village, also in Kankara Local Government Area.