

Three killed in attack on Kaduna village

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GUNMEN yesterday attacked Ungwan Rana, Bitaro in Jabo Local Government Area of Kaduna, killing three persons. Many others were injured.

The attack came less than one month after gunmen attacked another southern Kaduna village, killing two people.

In Plateau State, attacks on villages within the last one month have resulted in the death of more than 100 people. In some cases, whole families were killed.

The police, after drafting its men to the surrounding bushes in search of attackers, said the attack was pure assassination. They ruled out robbery because the attackers did not take anything from the houses attacked.

Sources told our correspondent that the invaders, numbering about 15, came into the village at about 12 am and attacked three houses, killing three persons. The names of those killed were given as Istifanus Daniel, Monday Hassan and a woman, simply identified as Godiya.

Residents accused the police of failing to assist them. They said when they called the police in Kwoi, the headquarters of Jaba Local Government, policemen on duty claimed they could not take any action since their Divisional Police Officer (DPO) was not available.

The police confirmed the attack, but said they are yet to confirm the motive or those behind the attack.

Kaduna police spokesman Aminu Lawan said investigation had begun, adding that they could not confirm yet the motive of the attackers.

Youths took to the streets to protest the attack. But they were immediately called to order by the Chief of Jaba, Dr. Danladi Gyet Maude, who assured them of security of lives and property.