

•Sect alleges leader's wife, son, others killed

"Also killed were Sayyid Aliy, son of leader of the Movement, Sayyid Ibraheem Zakzaky (H), wife of Sayyid Ibraheem Zakzaky (H), Malama Zeenat Ibraheem and others. More are being killed as at the time of this statement.

"The sporadic killings took place at three locations including home of the revered leader of the movement at Gyallesu, the Husainiyya Bakiyatullah at the GRA and the Darur Rahma on the Zaria-Jos Road where

many harmless people were killed.

"The killing was so brutal at Gyallesu that even those injured were identified and killed in cold blood by the soldiers. As at the time of writing this statement, the victims run into their hundreds, if not thousands.

"Considering the gross violation of fundamental human rights and extra-judicial killings perpetrated by the Army, the Islamic Movement condemns these unjustifiable acts.

"We state categorically that the claim by the Army that members attempted to assassinate the Chief of Army Staff was a blatant lie, as the Army came back to launch their attack more than an hour after the COAS passed.

"The Federal Government, through its military, is now on the rampage, in an all-out war with the Islamic movement, its members and structures. The scale of this attack will suggest it was meticulously planned by

movement across the country have taken to the streets in protests."

Governor El Rufai's spokesman Samuel Aruwan, in a statement, said: "Kaduna State Governor Nasir El-Rufai has appealed for calm and peace. The governor has spoken on the telephone with Sheikh Zakzaky and later went to Zaria:

"He met the Chief of Army Staff, Lt-Gen Tukur Butatai, in the depot of the Nigerian Army in Zaria after the passing out parade. The situation is calm and security has been tightened in Zaria," Aruwan said.

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