

10 killed, 16 abducted in Kaduna, Niger communities

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Twenty-four hours after 21 persons were shot dead at a wedding in a village in Kaduna State, gunmen invaded Gora Gan village in Zango-Kataf Local Government Area of the state, killing the village head and nine others.

A six-year-old boy was among the dead, while many other villagers were wounded, it was gathered.

Eyewitnesses said the gunmen numbering about 20 invaded the village around 7.10 on Monday night, shooting randomly.

Vice-chair of the Christian Association of Nigeria in Zango-Kataf council, Pastor Isaac Ango-Makama, who confirmed the incident, said several houses were burnt during the attack.

“The villagers are still searching for their missing relatives,” the cleric said.

Secretary of the Mercy Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) camp, Zonkwa, Ezekiel James said they need help to cater for displaced persons.

the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in the state condemned the attack, saying that the spate of attacks on Southern Kaduna villages was unacceptable.

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The party’s state Publicity Secretary, Abraham Cato in the statement, said the state governor, Malam Nasir el-Rufai was not doing enough to curb the insecurity in the state.

Police spokesman Muhammad Jalige did not respond to the reporter’s phone calls.