

# Bandits kill 11 villagers in Kaduna councils

• Eight ABU students kidnapped on Kaduna-Abuja road

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**E**LEVEN villagers were last night confirmed killed by armed bandits in Albasu village of Igabi Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

The gunmen, suspected to be kidnappers had on Sunday night abducted two people and killed another at Maraban Kajuru in Kajuru Local Government Area of the state.

Confirming the incidents in a statement, Internal Security and Home Affairs Commissioner Samuel Aruwan, said security operatives were after the bandits in the two councils.

The commissioner also disclosed that eight students of Ahmadu Bello University (ABU) have been reported to be among those kidnapped on Kaduna-Abuja road on Sunday evening.

Aruwan said: "The Kaduna State Government has stated that the security operatives are presently pursuing bandits in some locations in Igabi and Kajuru local government areas of Kaduna Central Senatorial District.

"The development follows today's bandit attack at Albasu village of Igabi and Sunday night attack at Maraban Kajuru in the two councils.

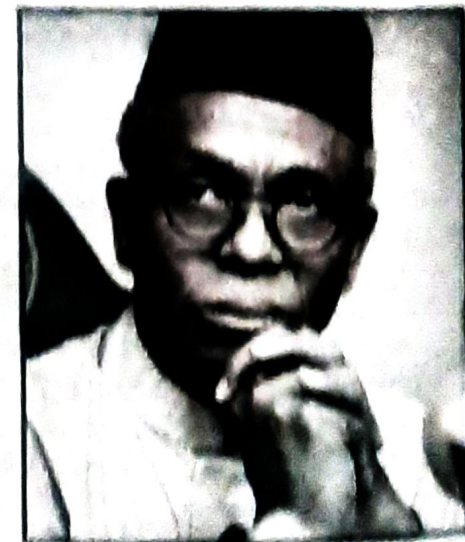
"Security agencies have notified the government that they are pursuing bandits in the area, and will provide further updates.

"On Monday armed bandits attacked Albasu village located south wards of Marum forest in Sabon Birni general area and subsequently killed some locals, while on Sunday night at Maraban Kajuru, armed bandits kidnapped two persons and killed one person while escaping into a nearby forest.

"Governor Nasir El-Rufai has sent condolences to the families and prayed for the repose of their souls. The Vice Chancellor of Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Prof Kabir Bala has informed the government that eight students of the institution were among those kidnapped on Sunday afternoon on the Kaduna-Abuja Road.

"Troops on patrol around Chikun and Kajuru LGAs boundaries found a corpse of an armed bandit who died of gun wounds.

"An AK/47 rifle and other valuables were found beside the decaying body," Aruwan said.



• El-Rufai