

## 3 Bandits kill 14, abduct six in Kaduna, Sokoto attacks

**B**ANDITS have killed five persons and burnt nine houses in a fresh attack on Madamai village of Kaura Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

In Sokoto, gunmen killed nine persons and abducted six in Goronyo council villages.

Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan released the information on the Kaduna attacks in a

From AbdulGafar Alabelewe, Kaduna

statement yesterday evening.

He said, "Acting Governor Dr Hadiza Balarabe has condemned the attack which left five residents dead in Kaura LGA.

"This came after troops of Operation Safe Haven reported to the Kaduna State Government that Madamai village in Kagoro chiefdom was attacked by unidentified

assailants. Five people were killed, and nine houses as well as three vehicles were burnt, while one vehicle was vandalised.

The affected villages in the Sokoto attack were Bejinga, Dantudu, and Tulumu all in Birnin ward, it was learnt.

The bandits were said to have carted away herds of cattle.

A source said eight of those killed were men, while one woman was shot dead, adding that they have

been buried according to Islamic rites.

There is an uptick in bandit attacks in Sokoto villages, with many residents killed and property destroyed.

No fewer than 22 persons were killed in May in attacks on Rabah and Sabon Birni local councils of the state.

Twenty-one of the dead were members of a vigilante group, while a village head Umar Sanda was also gunned down.