

Bandits kill 38 in Kaduna communities

NO fewer than 38 persons were yesterday confirmed killed as bandits attacked three villages in Kaduna State.

Also, houses, vehicles and crops were set ablaze by the invaders, who attacked Kauran Fawa, Marke and Riheya communities in Giwa council of the state, it was said.

Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, confirmed the attacks in a statement yesterday, citing police and mili-

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- Buhari condemns attacks

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tary reports.

"Houses, trucks, and cars were burnt along with agricultural produce at various farms," Aruwan said, adding that Governor Nasir El-Rufai had directed the state Emergency Management Agency to conduct an urgent assessment of the area towards pro-

viding relief.

The commissioner said the security agencies confirmed 38 persons killed in the attacks.

According to him, "following the report of attacks by bandits across villages in Idasu, Giwa LGA, contained in an earlier update, security agencies have confirmed to the Kaduna State Government that 38 people were killed across the locations attacked.

"Twenty-nine of the victims have been identified, with nine remaining unidentified.

President Muhammadu Buhari condemned the attacks and sent his condolences to the Kaduna State government as well as relatives of the deceased.

The President, in a statement by his spokesman, Garba Shehu, prayed for the repose of the souls of the deceased.

He said the security agencies had turned the heat on the gunmen who perpetrate such attacks.