

Bandits kill 15, injure others in three Kaduna villages

SOME of the bandits terrorising Kaduna State on Thursday allegedly attacked farmers in three villages of Giwa, Birnin-Gwari and Chikun local government areas of Kaduna State, killing 15 farmers and injuring others. ■ AbdulGafar **ALABELEWE**, Kaduna ■

Many towns and villages in the local governments had been under severe bloody and destructive attacks by bandits until recently when security agents began an aggressive onslaught against them.

A source from Rafin Sarki, one of the attacked villages where 11 persons were

confirmed killed said, this is the first time the village would be coming under bandits' attack.

According to the source: "The people of the area were clearing their farms when the bandits came to collect money from them so they could 'allow' them to finish their farming activities.

"But the farmers refused to give them the money they demanded. From there, the thing started."

Confirming the sad

development in a statement he issued Friday evening, Kaduna State Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, revealed the identity of the 15 victims of the attack on the three communities.

The Security Commissioner said Governor Nasir Ahmad El-Rufai was saddened by the attack and prayed for repose of the victims' souls.

According to Aruwan: "On a sad note, the Kaduna State Government has sent its deepest commiserations to

families of several victims who were killed in attacks by bandits in Giwa, Birnin Gwari and Kajuru local government areas.

"The government was informed by security agencies that bandits attacked Rafin Sarki in Giwa LGA, with 11 locals confirmed killed. They are identified as: Abdullahi Musa, Adamu Musa, Aminu Nasiru, Adamu Ibrahim, Yau Usman Ladan, Yunusa Saidu, Salisu Abdulrahman, Fati Usman, Yakubu Ya'u, Marwanu Ibrahim and one unidentified