

**A** TOTAL of seven people were killed on Friday night after gunmen suspected to be bandits attacked Saya-Saya village in Ikara Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

Five worshippers were shot dead and two others injured when the bandits attacked a mosque in the area.

A driver who took food items to the village and another unidentified person were also killed by the bandits.

ASP Mansur Hassan, 2IC to the Kaduna State Police Command's Public Relations Officer, confirmed the incident to The Nation on Saturday, saying that the unfortunate attack would have been prevented if the villagers were prompt in reporting the presence of the gunmen.

The Nation gathered that bandits launched the attack on the worshippers who were in the mosque to observe their Isha'i prayer around 8:00pm on Friday.

The Village Head of Saya-Saya, Alhaji Abdulrahman Yusuf, who also confirmed the incident, said the bandits may have targeted the village's security volunteers, as he said that one of those killed was the head of the village's vigilante group.

According to him, "We sus-

## Seven killed, two hospitalised as bandits attack Kaduna mosque, neighbourhood

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Kaduna

pected they traced him (vigilante boss) to the mosque to attack him. We were inside the mosque praying when they arrived and started shooting. Five persons were killed at the mosque, while a driver who brought food items to the village was also killed. The other person was killed at a nearby village," he said.

The village head also said that security agencies comprising soldiers and Police from Ikara town and Palgore area arrived at the scene around 12:30am when the bandits had already left the village.

He disclosed that one of the victims with gunshot wounds was taken to Aminu Kano Hospital for treatment.

Contacted, the Kaduna Police Command confirmed that five people were killed in the attack, while two persons were injured.

The spokesperson, ASP Hassan

told The Nation that preliminary investigation revealed that the bandits had entered the village about three hours before they eventually launched the attack.

According to him, "we are not blaming anybody, but we are

calling on members of the public to always and promptly report any suspicious movement in their domains to security agencies. The information we got was that these people (bandits) were in the village interacting with the villagers,

buying things, asking questions for almost three hours before the attack."

ASP Hassan, however, said that men of the Nigeria Police have been drafted to the area to comb the bush and fish out the culprits.

## Tragedy in Enugu as collapsed building kills four siblings

**T**RAGEDY struck in Mgbemena, Coal Camp, Enugu North Local Government Area of Enugu state as a building collapsed, claiming the lives of four siblings.

The incident followed the downpour on Friday evening that weakened the building.

Hon. Uche Anya, the chairman of the Enugu Capital Territory Development Agency (ECTDA), visited the scene of the incident and expressed his condolences.

He revealed that the structure, originally approved for animal

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husbandry, had been converted to a residential building.

Anya expressed his concern over the unsuitability of the collapsed building for human habitation.

He disclosed that the structure consisted of 44 rooms.

"We immediately responded

to the incident upon receiving the information. Unfortunately, four children lost their lives in this tragic event," Anya stated.

"The construction of this building was irresponsible. It was never meant to be occupied by human beings. I urge you to visit the site and witness it for yourselves," he added.

The chairman further revealed that the building which was supposedly being used for animal husbandry, was actually housing over 200 people in its 44 rooms.

He criticised the unacceptable state of the fence surrounding the property.

The loss of innocent children in

