

# Gunmen kill 12, raze 17 houses in Kaduna



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## • *Notorious kingpin neutralised, weapons recovered in Sokoto*

Twelve persons have been killed, nine injured and 17 houses razed as rampaging gunmen invaded Gindin Dutse Makyali village in Kufana District, Kajuru Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

The attack occurred around 5am yesterday, barely 24 hours after terrorists invaded Kaura and Igabi Local Government Areas where at least none persons died and 35 were kidnapped including a retired Director of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), his younger brother and wife.

The Kajuru invaders were said to have opened sporadic fire as soon as they got into the community.

A community leader, Moses Musa, told newsmen that the attack occurred at a location not far from a military checkpoint.

He disclosed that nine of the victims were burnt to death inside their rooms, while nine others sustained varying degrees of injuries from fire burn.

The community leader also disclosed that 17 houses were burnt by the bandits during the attack that lasted hours, adding that there was no resistance from the security forces.

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Confirming the attack, Govenror Uba Sani said the state government was already working with security forces and other critical stakeholders on mitigating the challenges.

He said he received security reports on renewed bandits attacks resulting in loss of lives, kidnappings and destruction of properties in Kajuru, Kauru and Igabi LGAs.

The Governor condemned the attacks, directing the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) to assist the affected communities especially those whose houses and valuables were burnt.

In Sokoto State, the police killed a suspected notorious terror kingpin, Bello Hantsi a.k.a Mai Dubu-Dubu of Tungar Rana Village.

The suspect was killed during a coordinated onslaught by operatives of the Anti-Kidnapping Unit in conjunction with Kware Police Division.

A statement yesterday by the spokesman for the command, ASP Ahmad Rufa'i, said investigation revealed that the suspect was the leader and supplier of arms and ammunition to the five suspected kidnappers who were arrested while on their way to Tambuwal on a kidnap mission.

“the Anti-Kidnapping unit mobilised a coordinated search of the suspect and on sighting the team and sensing danger at a nearby bush, he fired a shot to escape arrest and a quick response from the team neutralised him while others fled with bullet wounds,” the statement read.

However, Rufa'i explained that while scanning the scene, the body of one suspected bandit as well as one Ak47 rifle with 21 rounds of live ammunition were recovered from the scene.