

② Lakurawa kills 13, razes seven villages in Kebbi

IN what appeared to be a reprisal following the killing of their leader, Maigemu, by a combined security force in Kebbi, suspected Lakurawa terrorists on Sunday attacked Birnin Dede village, killing 13 people.

According to a source, the assailants also set at least eight villages on fire near Birnin Dede, all within the Arewa Local Government Area of Kebbi State.

The source explained that the attack was carried out in retaliation for the killing of the Lakurawa leader by security forces.

He added that the attackers spared only one village, which was guarded by the Army.

"We seek protection from Allah against this dreaded group," he said via telephone.

The Chairman of Arewa Local Government, Sani Aliyu, confirmed the attack to a television station.

Recall that combined security forces, with the support of Kebbi State Governor Nasir Idris, recently killed the group's kingpin, Maigemu, as part of efforts to curb the activities of armed groups in the Northwest state.

The spokesperson for the Kebbi State Police Command, Nafiu Abubakar, Superintendent of Police, did not respond to calls or text messages seeking further details on the incident.