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Gunman kills 7, injures 14 in S/Kaduna

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A gunman suspected to be Fulani, has shot and killed seven and injured 14 natives during a traditional funeral at Yangal village of Southern Kaduna.

The Acting Chairman of Zangon Kataf Local Government Area, Honourable Jonathan Asake, told journalists on Wednesday that the tragedy occurred on Tuesday night when the natives were celebrating the death of an 87-year-old

woman, Mama Hauwa Bello, in a traditional way.

Honourable Asake said that on Tuesday, around 11:00p.m., he received a distressed call and was informed that an armed Fulani man and another unarmed accomplice attacked the village.

"When we got there, we helped in evacuating five corpses and 12 injured persons to St. Lois Hospital, Zonkwa," he said.

"According to the villagers, two Fulani men were sighted around 9:00p.m. on Tuesday night around the venue of the celebration, one with a gun and the other had nothing on him. Not suspecting anything, the group went on with their cerebration. Then the armed man opened fire on the crowd with his AK 47 riffle. He killed five people on the spot and two later died in the hospital. I saw the corpse and those 12 that were injured. By the time soldiers arrived at the village, the two men had fled.

The National President, Kamanton Development Association, Mr Markus Fangan, expressed surprise why Fulanis in the village left before the attack.

Meanwhile, Kaduna State governor, Mukhtar Ramalan Yero, has condemned the unfortunate attack on the innocent people of Yangal Village in Kamantan Community of Zangon Kataf Local Government Area of the state.

In a statement by his Media Aide, Ahmed Maiyaki, the governor said the attack was an apparent attempt by miscreants with the aim of causing confusion in the state and to heighten tension among the peaceful people of the state.

The governor has directed the State Emergency Management Agency to immediately move to the affected community to provide victims of the attack with necessary support and assistance.

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