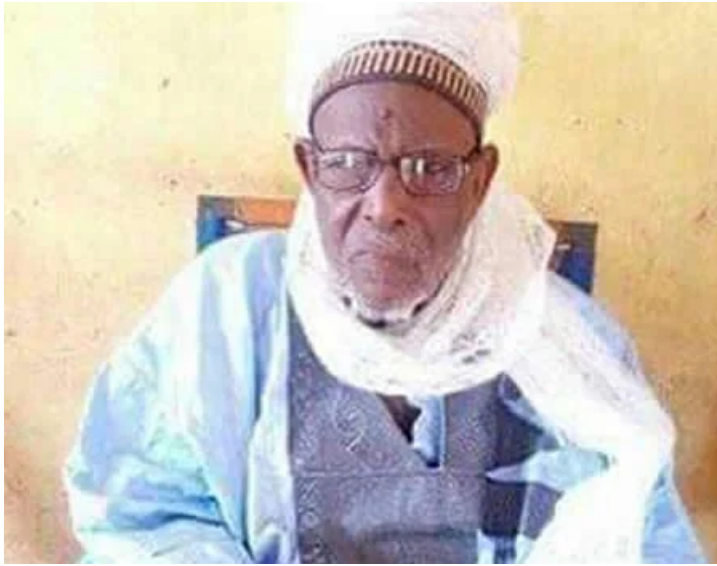


Bandits Kill District Head In Sokoto

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A district head in Balle town, Alhaji Ibrahim Aliyu, was reportedly killed by suspected bandits in Gudu local government area of Sokoto state.

A source who is a close family friend to the deceased disclosed to *Tribune Online* in Sokoto on Wednesday. According to the source, "Which security improvement and intelligence-sharing in our country are you talking about if a District Head can be slaughtered easily without challenge or protection in his domain.

"While some policemen responsible for the protection and ensuring security of lives and properties are running to save their own lives.

"Which improvement of security are you shouting about when our hitherto peaceful and secure borders are now porous, giving easy access to bandits, illegal importation of arms and hiring of mercenaries? These are being carried out with impunity, without anyone apprehended.

"The bandits who attacked Balle, a peaceful town in Gudu Local Government Area of our dear Sokoto state, according to an eye witness, operated with impunity after having an assurance that no security force would deter them or confront them.

"They killed the District Head, known as Sarkin Yamman Balle, Alhaji Ibrahim Aliyu, after dragging him from his house.

"Even the way they attacked the police station after shooting a Mobile Policeman and setting cars ablaze, one may easily say those criminals, riding on over 10 motorcycles, were apparently conversant with the security lapses and poor coordination of our intelligence services.

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"The police station is only 500 meters from the palace/residence of the Sarkin Yamman Balle.

"I knew him for over 35 years. His family lived a stone's throw from our families house around Gandu, Sokoto town.

"He was a humble, jovial, generous and very dedicated leader.

"Even before the Bafarawa administration created that district and subsequently made him the District Head, we are together in the defunct SDP and later PDP. He abandoned politics to work as a traditional ruler of his community, which consists mainly of Fulani and Hausa people.

"Prior to the latest attack, there were clearly ominous signs in the air. A few days ago, bandits in tens attack Bafarawa and Kamarawa, as well as some other towns in the eastern part of Sokoto state.

"And then in yet another commando style, they have attacked the western part of the state. Was it not a plan to create fear and apprehension in the state.

"Terrible things are happening around us, nothing tangible to overcome such challenges.

"Truth be told, Northwest is more deadlier than almost all other parts of the country where they are facing insecurity challenges.

"With the outcome of the failure of security agencies to stop attacks, our states of Kaduna, Katsina, Zamfara and Sokoto are now becoming dangerous places to live.

"You heard the message of Emir of Katsina about this kind of challenges to the President, not only in the north but at his own state where bandits had done worse or in control" he added.

The source, however, prays that Allah exposes those who mastermind all these attacks and grant the soul of the late district head, Late Alhaji Ibrahim Aliyu, Sarkin Yamman Balle and other victims peace and forgives them.