

## 'Gunmen killed 16 in Kaduna within 3 days'

GUNMEN killed 16 people in Kaduna State in the past three days, the state's Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, said on Tuesday.

Aruwan, in a statement, said that several other persons were also injured when gunmen attacked Giwa, Zangon Kataf, Igabi and Kajuru local government areas of the state between Sunday and Tuesday.

He said that the District head of one of the villages in Zangon Kataf Local Government Area and his son were killed in the early hours of Tuesday.

The late district head's daughter and widow were injured by the gunmen, who also abducted several people.

Aruwan stated that two persons were killed when assailants attacked Fatika, Kaya and Yakawada villages in the Giwa Local Government Area of the state.

The commissioner added that 11 people were killed in Monday's attack at Albasu village in the Igabi Local Government Area.

He said that security agencies already identified a former village head as the person killed in Kajuru Local Government Area, where two persons were also abducted.

"Troops, in collaboration with other security agencies, are carrying out investigations and trailing the assailants," Aruwan stated.

He said that the governor had directed the Commissioner of Police and the Director of the Department of State Services (DSS) to team up with the military to ensure diligent investigations.