

Many feared killed in renewed Zango Kataf crisis

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MANY people were killed, while one person was injured following an attack by unidentified gunmen on Ungwan Dooh (Mado) village in Zangon Kataf Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

This was contained in a statement issued by the Commissioner for Internal

Security and Home Affairs in the state, Samuel Aruwan, on Sunday.

Aruwan, in the statement, said security operatives reported to the Kaduna State government that troops of Operation Safe Haven received distress calls of the attack and immediately mobilised to the area.

He said the assailants, however, fled on sighting the troops.

"Nine corpses have been

recovered so far following a search of the village.

"One resident, Magdalene Dangoma, sustained gunshot injuries and is receiving treatment in the hospital. Two houses were razed in the attack.

"Troops of Operation Safe Haven also rescued 12 people who were fleeing from the attackers. The statement said: "Troops are still carrying out search and rescue operations and will make public the exact

number of casualties.

"The acting governor, Dr Hadiza Balarabe, received the reports with sadness and condemned the recent spate of devastating attacks in the area.

"She prayed for the repose of the souls of the deceased, and sent condolences to their families. "The acting governor wished the injured resident quick recovery and urged security agencies to sustain diligent investigations

into the attack."

In a related development, three herders are reported to have been killed in an attack by unidentified persons who stormed Ribok, Tsoriyang and Kankada general areas of Zangon Kataf.

Aruwan said according to reports from security agencies, the attack was a reprisal to the earlier attack on Ungwan Dooh (Mado) area.

He said: "The reprisal targeted the residence of one

Ardo Tanko Usman, where three residents were killed."

Also, it was gathered that four residents were injured during the attack.

"One car, three houses and eight herders' huts were burnt and destroyed. The military and police arrived at the scene and evacuated scores of herders to safety.

"The acting governor appealed for calm and urged residents to desist from reprisals."