

## Bandits kill seven in Kaduna, steal motorcycles, food

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**S**ECURITY agencies have reported to the Kaduna State government that four persons were killed, and one injured during an attack by bandits on the Kerawa community in Igabi Local Government Area of the state.

According to report, bandits attacked the village, shooting sporadically and killed four residents.

In a statement issued by the Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs in the state, Samuel

Aruwan, on Sunday, one Mallam Mamuda was left injured, as the bandits carted away some motorcycles and food supplies from the community.

In another incident, bandits also attacked commuters on the Ungwan Rim-i-Afana road in Zangon Kataf Local Government Area, during which one Joshua Kawu sustained gunshot wounds to the chest, and was rushed to a hospital where he was confirmed dead.

"Governor Nasir El-Rufai received the reports with deep sadness and conveyed his sincere condolences to

the families of the citizens who were killed in the attacks across the two local government areas.

"He wished the injured persons speedy recovery as he commiserated with the attacked communities.

"Security agencies have sustained and intensified patrols in both general areas," Aruwan said in a statement.

Meanwhile, security agencies have also reported to the state government that two persons were killed by bandits in two attacks in Igabi and Chikun local government areas.

According to the reports, bandits invaded Sabon Garin Ungwar Dalha, a village on the outskirts of the Maraban Jos area in Igabi Local Government Area.

The bandits reportedly broke into some homes, while shooting into the air.

"One Hadiza Mohammed, a housewife, was caught by their gunfire and died instantly.

"In the second incident, bandits attacked Ungwan Zallah in Udawa, in Chikun Local Government Area, and one Moses Jaja was shot dead.

"Governor Nasir El-Rufai received the reports with

sadness and prayed for the repose of the victims' souls. He sent his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families.

"Monitoring of both areas is being sustained by security agencies," the statement added.

In another development, bandits have kidnapped 18 people, including women and young girls, while one person was reported to have been killed at Angwar Zalla in Udawa village in Chikun Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

According to a source who pleaded anonymity, the hoodlums stormed the vil-

lage at about 12:30 a.m. on Sunday.

Confirming the abduction, Muhammed Umaru gave the name of the deceased as Bala Jaja.

He said married women, adults and young ladies were among those abducted.

He said the abductors were yet to contact the victims' families hours after the abduction.

"I just returned from the community and the bandits have not contacted the family members," he said.

As of the time of filing this report, the police were yet to issue any statement over the incident.