

El-Rufai condemns renewed killings in Kauru-Zangon Kataf boundary areas

KADUNA State government has condemned the renewed killings in the boundary areas of Kauru and Zangon Kataf local government areas of the state as reported by security agencies in those locations.

This was contained in a statement signed by the Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, Aruwan said the government ap-

pealed to residents who lost their relations to allow security forces and government manage the situation, as investigations are ongoing, following incidents which created a tense atmosphere in the local government areas.

The statement reads: "Security agencies reported that unidentified people attacked and killed a herder in Zaman Chawai general area of Kauru Local Government Area.

"According to the report, the herder, a resident of the community, was grazing with other herders in the bushes adjoining some farms when he was attacked and killed after an argument with some farmers over encroachment of animals.

"The assailants beheaded the slain herder and took his head with them as the other herders grazing in the area managed to escape with their animals.

"Subsequently, an inter-ethnic communal clash erupted during peak market hours in Bakin Kogi Market of Kauru Local Government Area near its boundaries with Zangon Kataf Local Government Area.

"One person was killed in the violent attack, while two residents were injured and a vehicle burnt. The situation was brought under control by the troops of Operation Safe Haven.

The statement also noted

that the governor expressed sadness at the reports and lamented the eruption of violent attacks and clashes in the general area.

"He expressed concern that despite the efforts and hard work of the government, security forces and other critical stakeholders to ensure the gradual return of peace, the killings had caused a setback which must not be allowed to gain ground.

"He condoled the families of those killed, and prayed for the repose of their souls, while wishing the injured a quick recovery," it added.

Meanwhile, the governor has tasked security agencies to conduct thorough investigations into the attacks leading to loss of lives in both locations, charging all residents to maintain calm and desist from all actions capable of triggering further violence, as security agencies carried out their tasks.