

19 Irigwes killed by bandits in Kaduna, IDA alleges

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THE Irigwe Development Association (IDA) in Plateau State has stated that about 19 Irigwe people residing in different villages in Kajuru Local Government Area of Kaduna State were on Tuesday attacked and killed by

suspected militias.

The association, in a statement signed by its publicity secretary, Davidson Malison, said the villages came under attacks at about 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, thereby leading to the death of 19 people, who were Irigwe natives from Bassa Local Government Area of Plateau State.

The association stated that many other people sustained varying degrees of injury in the attacks that lasted over five hours, just as it added that many are still missing, while houses were razed and harvested food crops burnt.

The association said the villagers claimed the attacks were carried out simultane-

ously in all the villages and lasted for over five hours before the arrival of security personnel.

"It is no doubt that it was a coordinated attack targeted at achieving the expansionist agenda and the total annihilation of Irigwe people, irrespective of where they live," Malison said in the statement.

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