

In a related development, a community leader in Igabi LGA, who wouldn't want to be mentioned, said three people were killed while 30 persons were kidnapped when bandits attacked Sabon Birni and Kerawa villages, adding that seven persons were injured in the process.

The community leader said "three people were killed, while seven were injured and they're currently receiving treatment in hospital. I can tell you 30 people were abducted and they're currently in captivity."

Reacting to the development, the Kaduna State government condemned the attacks while calling for aggressive military operations in the state.

The government's reaction was contained in a statement made available to Sunday Tribune on Saturday and signed by the Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan.

The commissioner, who was carrying out an on-the-spot assessment in company of the Garrison Commander, One Division of the Nigerian Army, Brigadier General Muhammad Kana, military commanders and other security agents working in the affected areas, said, "We are here on behalf of Governor Uba Sani to first of all condole with you over the lives lost in Kerawa and Sabon Birni Wards in Igabi LGA and also Kwassam, Kurera and Kan Makama communities in Kauru LGA. May Almighty God grant the deceased eternal rest, and grant a speedy recovery to the injured.

"I want to assure you that we are also here for an assessment of the security situation and as you can see, troops are presently carrying out operations in these locations, to which you have attested.

"The governor of Kaduna State is not relenting in his efforts, and he is also working towards sustained aggressive military operations in the frontline locations and emerging fronts like Kauru LGA."