

## 30 worshippers killed by bandits buried in Katsina

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**O**VER 30 worshippers that were killed in UnguwarYar Mai Dabo and Makera villages in the Karfi Ward of the Malumfashi Local Government Area of Katsina State were buried on Wednesday according to Islamic rites.

The lawmaker representing Malumfashi Constituency in the State House of Assembly, Aminu Ibrahim, claimed that 30 worshippers were killed during the attack.

Ibrahim also raised the alarm over the worsening security in his constituency which forced hundreds of residents to flee the affected areas.

While speaking during a

plenary on Wednesday, the lawmaker who fought back tears as he narrated the ordeal of his people had to be consoled by the speaker of the House and other lawmakers.

The attacks, he explained, occurred in GidanAdamu-Mantau, UnguwarYar Mai Dabo and Makera villages in the Karfi Ward of the Malumfashi Local Government, adding that Burdigau community in Yaba Ward was also under siege.

The lawmaker further alleged that, "despite reports to security operatives between 6 pm and 7pm on Monday about suspicious movements of the bandits around Burdigau, security agents only arrived at about 8pm to 9pm.

"By dawn on Tuesday, the bandits struck, killing 30 worshippers during morning prayers at UnguwarMantau," he said.

He, therefore, appealed to

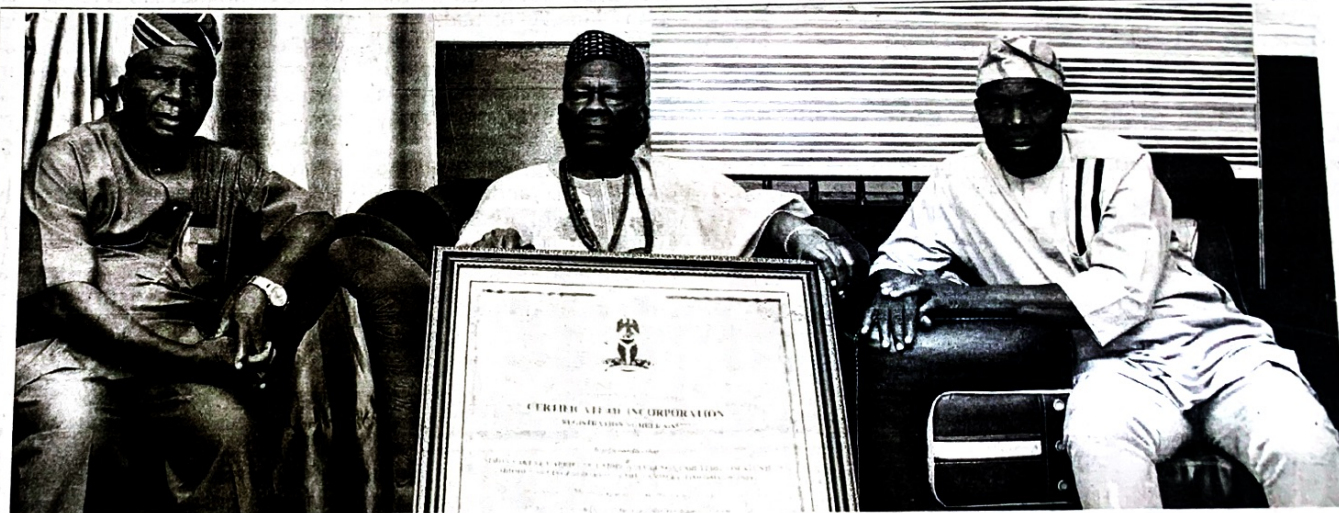
the House and the state government to urgently deploy security personnel to establish permanent bases in Karfi and Yaba wards to restore peace and protect residents.

"The situation has become unbearable. Our people can no longer remain in the affected villages," he said.

Meanwhile, the deceased have been buried in Malum-

fashi town.

The funeral prayer was attended on Wednesday by religious and traditional leaders, as well as thousands of mourners.



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