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Gunmen suspected to be Fulani herdsmen on Tuesday night raided three communities in Sanga Local Government Area in the southern part of Kaduna State, and killed about 32 villagers.

The attackers, it was learnt, also killed a soldier and injured four other soldiers in an ambush.

The Vice Chairman of Sanga Local Government Area, Mr. Bulus Mande, and National President, Ninzom Development Youths, Mr. Bezard Wuyah, confirmed the attack to newsmen on the telephone on Wednesday.

Also, the spokesman for the Kaduna State Police Command, Superintendent of Police, Aminu Lawan, also confirmed the violence. He however said that he had yet to get the full brief of the latest incident as of the time of writing this report.

However, the Public Relations Officer of One Mechanised Division, Nigerian Army, Kaduna, Col. Abdul Usman, said he had been away from Kaduna and could not confirm the killing of the soldier in an ambush.

But the youth leader, Wuyah, told newsmen on the telephone that, "We heard before now that Fulani are planning to come and attack us again. Last night, around 1am, they came around. They entered Fadan Karshi, Karshi Daji and Unguwan Ganye, all close to one another in Sanga LGA.

"They first ambushed a military patrol van that was crossing a bridge from Fadan Karshi to Karshi Daji. They fired at the soldiers and killed one, and four were injured. But the soldiers repelled the attacks. The Fulani men then moved in three groups.

"One went to Fadan Karshi, where they killed 12 people and burnt down 20 houses and injured scores. They moved to Karshi Daji and killed 20 people and burnt down several houses. Those that attacked Unguwan Ganye are still in the place. So, we cannot tell you the casualty figure now. But among those killed in Fadan Karshi includes the wife of a very respectable retired Reverend Jacob Aku. The wife was burnt to ashes in the attack.

"We need serious protection and security from our government or we will be forced to protect ourselves."

It would be recalled that in June there was a relentless assault for a week, in which not less than 160 villagers in seven Ninzom villages in Sanga Local Government Area of Kaduna State were killed, and some of the villages razed to ashes.

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