

Tension in Kaduna over monarch's killing

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The paramount ruler of Adara Chiefdom in Southern Kaduna, Dr. Maiwada Galadima, has been killed by suspected kidnappers.

The monarch, who was kidnapped by yet-to-be identified gunmen penultimate Friday while returning to his palace after visiting the scene of a crisis in Kasuwan Magani, was finally killed in the early hours of Friday and his mutilated body dumped on the road.

Though his police orderly and three palace guards were killed on the spot, his wife was released by the assailants.

Following the development, the three members of the Senate from Kaduna State have expressed sadness over Galadima's death.

Suleiman Hunkanyi (Kaduna-North), Shehu Sani (Kaduna-Central) and Danjuma La'ah (Kaduna-South), in a joint statement in Abuja on Friday, condemned the atrocity and called for calm in the state.

The statement read, "In peaceful memory of the paramount ruler of Adara Chiefdom, Mr. Maiwada Raphael Galadima, whose death was announced on Friday, October 26, 2018, the three senators from Kaduna State hereby offer this release as a special condolence to the entire people of Adara Chiefdom, the people of Southern Kaduna, and the entire people of Kaduna State for this monumental loss.

"The three senators also

wish to send this message as a comfort to the people of Adaraland and the entire state to please remain calm as all efforts to bring the perpetrators of this heinous crime shall be unearthed and brought to book.

"We also appeal to all and sundry to remain calm in their houses while the curfew lasts, and engage in special prayers for the repose of the soul of our beloved leader and all who lost their lives in the upheaval."

Meanwhile, the state government said a 24-hour curfew had been reinstated in Kaduna metropolis and its environs.

The Senior Special Assistant to Media and Publicity to Governor Nasir el-Rufai, Mr. Samuel Aruwan, said the curfew commenced on Friday.

He said, "This is a necessary step to help maintain peace as we mourn the death of His Royal Highness, Agom Adara, who we lost to the criminals who abducted him last week.

"The Kaduna State Government calls for calm in all our communities. The criminal elements who perpetrated this crime should not be allowed to divide us.

"This is a struggle between good, decent, law-abiding people trying to uphold the peace and criminals who want to divide and destroy.

"It is not a struggle between religious or ethnic groups. Let no criminal find succour in faith or tribe. Let us unite against every criminal activity. Let us stand together as human beings who have a right to live in peace."



•L-R: Mission Chief/Senior Resident Representative, International Monetary Fund, Nigeria, Mr Amine Mati; former President, Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria, Prof. Teju Somorin; Dr Doyin Salami; Dr Salamatu Isah; representative, Kaduna State Governor, Dr Sarah Alade; Chairman, Nigerian Economic Summit Group Fiscal Policy Roundtable; Dr Neil McCulloch; and Chief Executive Officer, Proshare Nigeria Limited, Mr Olufemi Awoyemi, during a panel discussion on Leveraging Domestic Resource Mobilisation for Sustainable Development, in Abuja... on Friday Photo: Olatunji Obasa

Flood destroys rice farms in Jigawa

Eric Dumo with agency report

The Chairman, Rice Farmers Association of Nigeria, Jigawa State Chapter, Alhaji Adamu Maigoro, on Friday said the recent flooding in the state destroyed over 100,000 hectares of rice farms.

Maigoro told the *News Agency of Nigeria* in Hadejia that over 10,000 registered members of the association were affected by the flood.

He said, "The 10,000 figures captured only the dry season rice farmers, who were supported with farm inputs earlier in the

year.

"If you are asking about the entire rice farmers affected, the figures will definitely rise up to over 50,000 farmers."

Maigoro listed areas hit by flood to include: Ringim, Taura, Miga, Jahun, Auyo, Kaugama, Mallam-madori, Hadejia, Guri, Kirikasamma, Gwaram, Buji,

Birnin kudu and Kazaure.

He appealed to the government at all levels to support the affected farmers, who were still struggling to cope with the heavy loss caused by the flood.

He said, "Though the government had assisted our members, we are still appealing

to them to do more because rice farmers are still battling with the shock of the worst flooding in recent times."

The chairman expressed concern over delay in the completion of the Hadejia Valley Irrigation Scheme by the Federal Government, calling on the authorities to address the issue.

Herdsmen kill two, planning another attack -Benue gov

John Charles, Makurdi

Benue State Governor, Samuel Ortom, on Friday raised the alarm that Fulani

herdsmen had threatened to unleash fresh terror attacks in the region.

In a statement issued by his Chief Press Secretary, Terver Akase, Ortom said the herdsmen had sent a message to the people of Mbagwen

community in Guma Local Government Area that they were coming.

The governor's alarm follows the recent attack on Tse Ado village also in Guma, where herdsmen killed two people in their farm.

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