

The three communities attacked were Zikpak and Ungwan Masara (Fantsuam Chieftdom), both in Jema'a Local Government Area as well as Maraban Kagoro, in Kaura Local Government Area.

According to the spokesperson for SOKAPU, Luka Binniyat, no fewer than 50 gunmen invaded Zikpak and started shooting repeatedly. After attacking Zikpak, the gunmen reportedly headed for Ungwan Masara and Maraban Kagoro, where they also carried out further attacks.

Watchers say some parties to the perennial ethnic disputes in Nigeria are known to circulate photos of old attacks to gain an advantage but some of the voices who spoke against the latest attacks on social media claimed first-hand knowledge of the attacks. A popular musician, Joel Amadi, said herdsmen shot his father dead in Zikpak.

Speaking with *Sunday PUNCH*, the spokesperson for SOKAPU, Binniyat, said “They attacked Zipkak again by 7am (Saturday). They killed the wife of the Agwam Musa Didam of Fanstwam Chieftdom and burnt his house. The dead toll yesterday (Friday) was nine.

“A 24-hour curfew was imposed by (Governor Nasir) el-Rufai yesterday (Friday) and this morning (Saturday), the militiamen returned by 7am during the curfew and the village is now under attack as we speak. Zipkak is on the outskirts of Kafanchan and is the headquarters of the Fanstwam people.”

When contacted, the Kaduna State Police Command's Public Relations Officer, Mohammed Jalige, said he had yet to learn of the attacks but would find out.

“I am aware of the imposition of the curfew yesterday (Friday) by His Excellency but on this one (attacks), let me find out and I will get back to you,” he said.

However, Jalige did not get back to our correspondent, as promised, before the newspaper went to bed.